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Head quarters Lewis Town April 23 1873

(See) Two Men, one James Phillips of the Porters and the other William Price an American Citizen alleged to be a Prisoner on board that Ship were on the evening of Wednesday last taken at Little Creek landing in the State of Delaware and have been conducted to head quarters at this place. They had no flag of truce with them when they approached and arrived at the landing, no such flag was seen by any of our Citizens. These Men had no written Message, warrant or credentials.

On Thursday morning a flag of truce arrived at the landing, This flag was accompanied by an armed force - I must request information upon what ground an American Citizen a Prisoner on board ^{Ship} ~~your~~ accompanies a flag of truce in nowise relating to himself, and more especially on what ground an armed force is sent upon our shores with a flag of truce.

Commodore Beresford
Commanding his Britannic
Majesty's Ship the Porters
in the Mouth of the Delaware.

I have the Honor to be Sir
Yours very Hble Serv^t

Joseph Haslet Commandant in
chief of the Militia of Delaware.