

August the 8th 1832 -

There came young Barber aged about 68 years before me
a Justice of the Peace for Am. Anne County and State
of Maryland
and made oath that he was a witness on Board the armed Schoo-
ner Dolphin, the property of the State (commanded by Capt. William
Middleton at the time the said Schooner was taken, and had
been in the said vessel a considerable time previous, that he
understood, at the time from Capt. Middleton and others, that
the orders received was to proceed down the Bay, and to be
under the direction of Gen. La Fayette, that while the Dolphin
lay in the Patuxent River Gen. La Fayette came on board in
a Barge, it then blowing a gale of wind, that the Gen. observed
to Capt. Middleton that he could not venture down the Bay
with him while the two British Ships lay at the mouth of the
Patuxent River, that he would go down in the Barge and that
the Schooner would follow on as soon as the Capt. Middleton thought
he could do so with safety, and that the Middleton would
make the best of his way to Little York. That the Dolphin
got under way that night it blowing very hard about North,
and proceeded down the Bay and arrived at Little York early
next morning, then Commodore ^{Pa.} Sisson applied to Capt. Middleton
for a Barge to go down to carry dispatches to the French Fleet and
Capt. Middleton refused to do so and informed him that his Schoo-
ner was under the direction of Gen. La Fayette and could not go with-
out the Gen. permission Capt. Middleton was then ordered by Gen.
^{the} ^{name of French officer with}
to the dispatches and proceeded as before directed, to go on
Board