

PHILADELPHIA, Sept 14.

*Extract of a Letter from Paris, dated
May 7, 1813.*

"I before informed you of the particulars of our unfortunate capture on the 4th Feb. off the island of Corvo, by the French frigates L'Hortense and L'Elbe—the commodore fearing we might fall in with English cruisers, thought proper to secure himself by burning the Naucy, and I had the mortification to see her and cargo in a blaze in about two hours after we were taken.—The commodore to justify his conduct, reported to the government that we were English, had a license and other ridiculous stuff—but as he has not been able to procure a license, or prove us any thing but Americans, his charge will operate in our favor. He appears to have withheld the papers from government, but the minister of marine has sent a positive order to Brest for him to forward them to Paris. I have written a long, spirited letter to the duke of Bassano, which our consul general informs me has been approved of, and had a good effect—since which I have been requested to furnish a statement of the value of vessel and cargo—I put them at 16,000 dollars, and if they pay me the amount, I shall then claim the freight. I find the council of prizes are restoring a great many American vessels, some of which had been captured three or four years. Diehl, of Port Pen, who was captured in the ship Betsey of Philadelphia, and whose ship and cargo were condemned by the Emperor himself, has lately had a decree reversing the condemnation and restoring the vessel and cargo, worth 600,000 francs—he had been here 34 months. I expect soon to hear of some decision respecting myself, and have hopes of its being favorable."

Aurora.