

Savo. March 12. 1830.

Sir. Your letter of the 8th with  
the enclosures was duly received.

I am of opinion that upon those facts  
~~the~~ the vessel is by law forfeited. There  
was a trading by sale of the fish - and a freighting  
of the fish to market and of the small articles  
home. The intentions of the Master now appear  
to have been fair and good, but I think the letter  
of the law violated. There can be no doubt  
that the Secretary will remit the forfeiture.  
and if you think best you can discharge  
her on payment of expense already incurred. Yet  
that power seems properly to belong to the  
Secretary of the Treasury.

The libel has been  
filed but can be withdrawn  
if you wish it.

Joshua Carpenter Esq  
Collector.

Most respectfully  
Your obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Thomas Shipley  
Dist. Atty