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John Armstrong to Andrew Jackson, May 22, 1814.

1. The letter is written in a formal, respectful tone, suggesting a professional or official context.

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The text is a historical document related to the James Madison Papers, dating back to May 22, 1814. It reflects the formal correspondence style of the early 19th century, with expressions of respect and politeness typical of the period.
Sir,

Will it not be

Harrison a commission to treat with

The friends of Dr. Curtiss do not belong to

appointment of that office. If

to the Gen. (as all things considered

them) will not. Mr. Monroe of

Kentucky be a good selection.

Something ought to be done

vacant. Majors Generals place can be

recaps of the Senate but we can

give him the brevet of major general

Treasury who is very impatient of

We can give to Jackson &

them. She will keep every thing,

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very soon receive us from the rep
from the piratical establishment
With the
The President—

Sam

Extract from a letter of the a
at-hatchet marked — "2 ships
the enemy's fleet leave this day

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James Madison to John Armstrong, May 24, 1814. Includes postscript dated May 25, 1813.

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