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Treasury Department.

AUGUST 1, 1799.

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To the Collectors of the Customs. }

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IN pursuance of authority, from the President of the United States, I have to inform you, that the Cutters and other Vessels, employed in the service of the Revenue are hereafter to be distinguished from other vessels, by an *Ensign and Pendant, consisting of sixteen perpendicular stripes, alternate red and white, the Union of the Ensign to be, the Arms of the United States, in dark Blue, on a white Field.*

You will be pleased to provide such Flags if any, as may be necessary in your District, after which it will be proper to publish for the information of the Masters of Merchant Vessels, the 102d section of the Act of March 2d, 1799, entitled "An Act to regulate the collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage," with a description of the flag above mentioned.

I am, with consideration,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Wm. M. W. M.*

*Pattern enclosed.*