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**Letter from
William Bainbridge to George Harrison,
October 28, 1817**

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My dear Sir

By Consul Harris I yesterday received the cast of the reverse of my medal which appears to be well executed but has one very material fault and which I trust you will think is absolutely necessary to be altered. I mean the Java' flag to be struck. The flag at present on the die shows that the ship has not surrendered. I know that you took too much interest in the Capture of the Java to allow her flag to be kept flying after to many hard knocks which old Ironsides gave her –

Very Sincerely
W^m Bainbridge

Geo Harrison Esqr
Navy Agent Philadl