

I am sorry in being under the necessity of requesting
the discharge of sailing Master James Wright, for continuance
Intoxication and unbecoming conduct, as reported to me by
Lieut. Ketcher from Baltimore, also the discharge of
sailing master Claude Bose already reported to you -
my situation is almost that of a Tyrant, as I am obliged
to punish from my own authority, not leaving it in
my power to hold court martial for want of a sufficient
number of Commissary Officers, from which circumstances
many create just punishment, whilst I am obliged in
other instances to be severe, but thank god I have been
able thus far to get forward with specimens, but
to check effectually misconduct, we must begin at
the head; for when petty Officers & men see that, superior
are punished, we shall have but little trouble -

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