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It is very far from my desire to
urge any point contrary to your
wishes, but situated as I feel
myself to be, without some place
in the immediate Command of
the Squadron, I will not be re-
sponsible for carrying the intentions
of Government into execution.

I certainly did expect that upon
my proposing to you the Order of the
Commodore for my assuming the
Command of the Squadron employed
on the North American Station
that Mr. Donnington expected that
you would have resigned to me
the command of the Ships acting
under your Orders and what you
would propose, of appropriating Ships
as I may desire, to any particular
destination, I cannot accept of.
Half measures I never found to