

Admiral
Secretary

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19 May 1854

Sir

In reference to my letter
to you of the 4. of last month
conveying to you the details
of the Admiralty for the
employment of a battery
of machines in such service
on the coast of the United
States as might be found
expedient for the service:
I have their Lordships
commanded to signify to you
that orders have been given
for the construction of the
battery of a body of iron
mounting to about three
thousand men on board
the ship of war the
HMS *Thames* for the service
of the coast and the
ships in the margin
of the Admiralty