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Navy Yard Reports

3 Nov^r 5th 1813

Sir,

I had the honor of your letter of the 29th.
Altho the prisoner Johnson, has been discharged agreeable
to your order.

The report of the state and condition of the *Figure*
Constellation, as well the deficiency of stores and furniture, said
to be lost or missing, and the sails rotting on the yards, I am apprehensive
is premature, and in my opinion, would have been as
well to have made some inquiry, prior to making such reports.
However, it may serve to cover some of her incidents, required at
this time. The ship's bells will be very high, the Breaching, fitted
by the order of Captain Stewart for the Quarter Deck guns, are
all condemned and new ones ordered which could not be at-
tributed to neglect. I am well persuaded Captain Tarbell, as well
myself, would be glad an investigation would take place; the sails
well answer for were lost, and spoken in a proper manner to do,
when opportunity would admit. as to the officers I sanctioned Captⁿ
Tarbell in granting Lieutenant, Meade leave of absence for two
months to the Springs in North Carolina, for the benefit of his health.