

much impaired, by sleeping on the ground, on Craney Island. The ship was not left during the day, without a Commodore's officer. For the officers & crew generally came up to the ship in the morning & returned to the Island in the evening, as it was highly necessary to keep up a formidable appearance, before an enemy, then laying in the roads consisting of from one to seven hundred men of war, & two Admirals in their Center; would I'm sure justify my conduct in this case.

I have requested Captain Gordon to have the sails taken out, in order that I may have them regularly sent enclosed you will receive the report, I would beg leave not to consider as reflecting on any one, but the singular manner in which Captain Tarbell received that Frigate, did astonish me, the first instance, her Commander leaving her some hours before Captain I. received any notice, to take Command, and then without an inventory of any thing on board, was novel to me, and as his Command, was only for the time being, did not make that inquiry into the state of the ship, as every thing stood as her former Commander left her, with the exception of the internal regulations and preserving the ship by painting & tarring down her rigging which was much wanted. as these are reflections highly injurious to me as well the officers of the ship. I would beg leave to say