

Tomahawk by scraping Knife against us. These fears
marks may be considered as a Visionary Calculation
emanating solely from Timidity; but Sir since I have
had the honor to command on this Station my Personal
attention has been employed from time to time, in gaining
most perfect Knowledge of our Sea board, and as
it is well known that very many Enemies to our Country
have an Equal share of the Knowledge of the nature
& Extent of the Sea coast, with myself, convinces me the
more, that at any time the Enemy may require Pilots
to effect their Landing, they will succeed in obtaining them.
In this situation they would meet with a very feeble opposition
the small force under my command which as I have
heretofore stated is now at Mobile Bay. I must again
report to the Honorable Secretary of the Navy the great
necessity there is of augmenting this force at this critical
moment. I have now at this yard as much live Oak
timber, calculated to build four Gun Boats, the live
Oak in the Lake, is already cut calculated to build 6 or
7 more. The small Timber has been taken from the
large live Oak Trees cut down for the Block Ship.
I have