

U.S. Ship - Constellation

Off Norfolk Sept 19 - 1815.

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I have two letters of the 14th Inst. has been
received, the contents of which I duly ~~obey~~, my
commission as captain, and orders giving me
the exclusive command of the Station on the
Norfolk station, has been ~~uniquely~~ and strictly
attended to, on receipt of which I did not consider
it necessary to acknowledge, as it would have
been done, as respects the officers, the situation
of the enemy induced me to grant them that
indulgence, to promote their interest, and my
good intention was to promote the good of the
Service, if I have erred in either case, be pleased
to excuse, my motives were good.

Midshipman Johnston, has orders
to join the Constellation, I can assure you Sir.
he is a great blackguard, not worthy the
name of an officer, repeated drunkenness
neglect of duty and disobedience of orders
and a rotten character of the same