

Captn Lill 87
Friday Nov 2

Sir,

My officers reports
that the powder is on board & the
Picket ready to proceed. But
that only 164 barrells has been
sent — There is a marine guard
of a Company of 4 men on board, they
leave to suggest whether or not it
would be prudent to take them
down with us to guard the Latchway
particularly in cases of horror & con-
fusion in squally weather or in cases
of surprise in the night going down
when it would be the exclusive duty
of the marines to attend to the
magazine Latchway &c
Very respectfully
Yr. Obedt servt.
Wm Jones
Lieut. Col. of the Nav

Chas. Gordon