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Navy Yard Gosport

Septem^r. 29. 1813.

Sir

Many complaints have been made to me by the Officers attached to the Flotilla under my command respecting rations being stopp'd and not paid for by you, and which is as they say their just due; and to remove all complaints you will be pleas'd to pay money for all un-rawn rations, that may be stop'd by any of the Officers under my command from the date of my Order to take command of the Flotilla on the Norfolk Station, which order is dated Navy Department August 4. 1813. Likewise you will pay all petty Officers under my command what may be due them, keeping them in debt to the Government two months pay, with the exception of those who have Families, to support all those you will pay off at the expiration of every month which will better enable them to support their Families. I consider the Commanders of the Gun Boats held responsible for all provisions received.