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In compliance with your order of the 7th Inst. - we have carefully examined a quantity of powder complained of. Two Thousand pounds, of which we discovered to be wet, and condemned the same as unfit for further use -

On investigating the causes, which led to a circumstance, so unusual on board of Ships of War; and so much to be regretted in the present instance, we have to report as follows -

That the menacing attitude of the Enemy from the 20th of June, until the 7th of July being such as to call the attention of the Commanding Officer with a portion of the Ship's Company, to the Gun Boats - and all the Lieutenants, with another portion, to Craney Island, the duty of the Ship, as it respects her being regularly pumped was in great measure, if not entirely neglected by the then Commanding Officer Sailing Master Benj<sup>n</sup> Bryan to which cause, entirely, in our opinion, to be attributed the loss of powder.