

I shall wait with some anxiety your instructions relative to the wishes and expectations of the Government. You will also please to instruct me whether I am to take the command of all the fleet as senior officer on this station or if to confine my command to this Ship.

I beg leave also to observe that there are no means of procuring Powder at this place, and unless a Shot and Ball are sent from Washington it will not be in my power to effect the object of your order on that subject.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully Sir

Your obedient Servant.

Honble William Jones

Secretary of the Navy.

C. L. Stewart

P.S. The Enemy are watering their Ships from Smiths Islands off Cape Charles with armed Launches.