

Lieut. G. C. Read,

Present.

Navy Department 99  
Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1813.

Sir,

The Department having purchased for the Navy of the U. States, the Prize Schooner, General Haysford, at Savannah, you will immediately proceed to that place, and report yourself to the Commanding Officer of the Station, Commodore Campbell, as the Commander of that vessel, whose name you will be informed of in due time.

As it will neither be convenient to man, nor arm the Schooner at Savannah, Com. Campbell will be instructed to order on board as many men of the Group, or other vessels in the service there, as will be sufficient to navigate her to Wilmington N.C. under convoy of the Schooner Carolina, for which purpose Capt. Dent, the Commanding Officer at Charleston, under whose command the Carolina is, will be instructed.

The men, employed to navigate her round, will be returned to Savannah in the Carolina.

The vessel to which you are ordered was originally the Privateer Schooner Snapper, built and equipped at Philadelphia after the Declaration of War, and is not exceeded by any of her class, in all the qualities of an excellent cruiser. She is, I think, upwards of 200 tons, and it is my intention to arm her with 16. 18<sup>lb</sup>. Carronades and one long 18 pounder on a pivot. This armament will be prepared and forwarded, through the Canal and Sound, to Beaufort or to Wilmington as soon as possible.

If men cannot be had at Wilmington we can recruit them further North, and send them on in the same manner. It is, therefore, of importance that every exertion should be made to reach Wilmington with the Schooner as soon as possible. Mr. Robertson, the Navy Agent at Charleston, will furnish you with a particular Inventory of everything purchased with the Schooner, and if there is not Kentledge enough, Com. Campbell will make up the deficiency out of the Group — About 30 to 35 tons of Kentledge will be sufficient.

I am, respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. Lonsdale