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St. Louis de Grace Sept 21st 1844
1/2 past 11 o'clock

Sir
I have to acquaint you that I am this for
on my way to New Castle; where I hope to arrive
tomorrow evening.

At leaving Baltimore I invested Capt. Spencer
with the Command of the Naval Forces on that Station
until the arrival of Capt. Perry, and this I was
induced to do as well from my conviction of his
competency as that the Service required it.

The copies of Letters alluded to in your last
shall be forwarded as soon as I reach New
Castle.

With great respect

I have the honor to be
Sir, Yr. Obedt Servant

The Hon.

Wm Jones

Secy of the Navy

Th. Hodge