

Capt. D. Porter, Chester
Sept 23. 1844. Informs that
the Steam Frigate will not be
launched in less than six weeks
will proceed that day to New York
and requests permission to return
to Chester

Y^r rec^d

Chester Pa
Sept 23rd

How the Hon^{ble} James

Secretary of the Navy

Washington

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 23 is before me
upon examination if you find
that the Steam Battery
you are to command does
require your immediate attention
you are at liberty to remain
at Chester as usual to my
request until your attention
to that affair shall be required

26th September 1844