

Captain's Letters
Charles Gordon to William Jones
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Answer on last page of letter.

It is not contemplated to change the situation of the Constellation at present under existing circumstances but it is very desirable to have her complement full for harbor defense & for any favorable change. You are therefore at liberty to recruit men for that purpose giving bounty of 20 Dollars to Seamen and 10 to ordinary Seamen and (take?) them for two years and you may open Rendezvous in the ports of North Carolina Wilmington excepted. These conditions I trust will ensure you the speedy completion of your crew and as the times are critical the measure is warranted.

See ltr of August 6 — Folio 68
for outcome.