

very young & totally inexperienced, the
very frontier officers —

In consequence of the long indisposition
of Capt. Tarball, & the probability of a
formidable attack upon this place before
his recovery, I have been under the ne-
cessity of placing Lieut. A. Deale in
the command of the Hornet with on
half of the Gun Boats under her com-
mand off Coary Island — This leaves me
with Lieut. A. Saunders & Captain 1 both your
in commission, & Mr. Stalling, act. Med. Dir.
Davis my next eldest has charge of medical
affairs of Coary. And Mr. H. H. H. has the
command of the Franklin, tendered it
join the ship or the Hornet in the event
of an Attack —

My Muster rolls & report of the state
condition of the Force upon this station
has been duly prepared agreeable to
your orders on that subject, but I have
thought proper to retain them until
I can be informed or officially notified
of the reestablishment or situation of
the office of the Department —