

The Comm^d Gen^l having expressed
much concern on the deficiency state
of our Navy yard here, stating that
he was too much occupied to give it
his attention. And Captⁿ Coffin conceiv-
ing his force in the yard inadequate to
the task I have this day ~~tail~~ tail 750 or 60
men from this ship & commenced throw-
ing up a redoubt which I shall hope
to complete in 10 or 12 days; and which
the principal Engineer conceives
adequate to the defence of the yard;

I have the honor
to be with much respect
Sir,

Y^r O^bd^t serv^t
Chas Gordon

Y^r O^bd^t serv^t
Hon^{ble}

Wm Jones
Lieut^{nt} of the Navy
Washington