

be inactive long and it is only
by the utmost vigilance and the
highest state of preparation that
you can hope to rebel begin them
to attempt Norfolk in force.

Norfolk 7. Sep. 1864.

Capt. Ch. Gordon asks if he may
when opportunity offers, proceed to
see -- has made out list of the
condition of the firm under his command
detailed 50 or 60 men to show up a
redoubt for defence of the Navy Yard
within reach of Drayton.

W. J. G.

Wm. Jones

Secretary of the Army

Washington

I have received your
of the 7th. The order of
this Depart. now in your
possession answer the
part of your enquiry.
The Constellation cannot
be used to sea duty. Special
orders for that purpose
shall be issued from
this Depart. The power of the
of the enemy being now excluded
directed against our territory and
particularly against the neighbours
of the Cities on the Chesapeake
there is no comparison between
since the Constellation could not
run on the sea and the impatience
of her forces for the defence of the
the loss of Lee & Drayton to be
sum is much to be regretted.
Two or three Lee's were
ordered to report themselves to
I approve of the steps you have
taken for the defence of the Navy
what object the enemy has in
view is yet uncertain, but he

