

with a small carriage gun in each. And two so
one mounting two Long 18's and the other two Long
to operate with, should they be thrown in confusion
or run upon the flats by the Boats in attempting
to advance upon the Gun Boats. which I strongly
apprehend and will be prepared for -

The two Boats out of Commission for want of
men, I have put in charge of Capt. Casper. In
his request, to remove the powder, provisions &c,
towards the Canal in the event of an attack

Every seaman of the place, and those discharged
from my force, who did not re-engage, have joined
the army either as Regulars or substitutes -

The Battery for the defence of the Navy Yard
will evidently be formidable, as it will command
the only pass to the Yard, about 300 yards space
between the heads of two creeks or branches which
up on either side of the port and effectually enclose
both. But Capt. Swift of the Marines not having
more than 30 effective men, and Capt. Casper not
more must depend upon the Army throwing up
artillery when wanted, unless I should be un-
der the necessity of capturing my Officers and men being pre-
pared to meet them at any point, and I have full
confidence in all - I have the honor to

The Hon. Mr. Jones
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Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.
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