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Dear Sir

I Received yours Last evening, and I now endeavour to comply with your request. I have a Midshipmans warrant which I Received about three weeks ago, the package wherein it was contained was addressed to Tho's Rutter Baltimore, and afterwards enclosed to me, by this I suppose is the mistake as my first orders was to Report myself to Capt Spence Commanding the Sloop of War Ontario. I wrote to the Secy of the Navy and informed him he had made a mistake in my place of residence, last evening I Received an answer from him with fresh orders to Repair to New York and Report myself to the Officer Recruiting for Com. Chauncey's Squad In my letter to you I did not mention what appointment I wanted, but at that time I Some hopes of getting that of Sailing master and Command of one of the Flottilla