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Honble William Jones

Sir:

I had the honor of informing you last evening of the arrival of the Asp, the Commandant called on me this morning for orders; I wanted upon Mr. Beatty to know if he had any instructions, respecting the gunnery aboard, he informed me he had none whatever, I then referred to your letter of the 14th Asp in which you inform me that "The Schooner Asp has gone down the River with 13. 24th Cannon to be delivered in French town &c." In consequence I gave orders to the Commandant to proceed to French town, land the Cannon and return here immediately, but he has remonstrated to me that his vessel cannot get within a considerable distance of the wharf at that place, and that he has no means of getting the gunnery onshore from his vessel; if he does go, also, that he will want thirty or forty men to assist him to hoist out the guns, in case he could obtain scows to land them, with purchasing blocks, falls, Slings &c. - In consequence of those objections and not being