

To the Honorable
W. Jones

90th
New York July 27th 1861

Sir:

The Committee for ^{constructing} ~~constructing~~ the steam
ship of war, have the honor to inform you
that the work is advancing in all its parts
with great rapidity, ~~and~~ timbers are all raised
and in a few days they will commence
planking her. The great cylinder is cast,
~~and her boilers about half finished.~~ ~~Can~~
and funds are only required to enable the
Committee to complete this interesting work
by November, the first sum of \$20,000
is expended, & the Committee are at the
moment out of funds & unable to pay some
of the demands on them. They have there-
fore requested me to represent to Government the
indispensable necessity of remitting an addition