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Sir,

The Secretary of War has detached a portion of the Navy Yard Mechanics to Washington, that they may assist in preparing defences for that place - But in making this detachment they have withdrawn almost the whole number who have been previously detached to act in the Navy batteries - I have already detached as many of the Ship's company as I can with propriety spare - And I beg leave to suggest the expediency of endeavoring to obtain seamen from Alexandria, either as Volunteers for 6. 12. or 18 months service - They would be preferable for our batteries here, for the New York if necessary. or for any other purpose under our arms.