

officers. If you approve this plan it
will be requisite ^{to} order some officer
from the city on the recruiting service
as I cannot spare one. The absence
of Mr. Read - Mr. Madison is detached
Mr. Parker being with the sailing Master
leaves none but Mr. Dallas to assist me.

I hope the Report respecting the
Capture of the Scorpion is unfounded
as it comes a very circuitous route.

Decatur has increased the
Sailing Squadron with eight additional
sloops.

Very respectfully yours

Wm. L. Garrison

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Hon. Secy of the Navy
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