

of the officers of these Departments; and
as respects the Marine Guard for the ship
yard, & indeed for this station generally,
I am totally at a loss. The securities
for the builders I find are charging the
Agent with an infringement of the
contract & absolutely insisted on a Guard
from Saturday to Monday, when I had
not a man to give them, & a night watch
has been substituted. I have only five
manned, when it requires three times
that number to take care of the timber
left on shore. I have in my opinion of
very dispositive. I have ve
-mastered with the Col^l until I find
it useless, and had there been a Guard
the command is entitled, it would have
prevented the punishment I am now
about to inflict in obedience to the
sentences of the Court. As the ne
cessity is now urgent, if the Col^l
will send a Guard acquainted with