

my allusions to the Chesapeake were confined
alone, to the charge that took place just before
she sailed / which 2nd of the 11th appears to
confer / without mentioning or even
interesting in the most trifling degree
the manner, or by what authority the
charge was made; and if Mr. Off-
will oblige me by examining my letter
he will find that it will not admit
of such construction

with sentiments of
very high respect

I have the honor to be

Sir, Y^r Obedt Serv^t
Chas. C. Gooden

The Hon^{ble} Wm. Jones

Secretary of the Navy