

one of my officers at the moment when the
Galley Establishment is kept; having seen of
what I have done & then in the Navy yard until
the morning of the 10th of the month before of
them. The Naval has only power to give the
order to go into the country which they decline
to do, and the Genl. wishes them to be sent to
Philadelphia; But as I conceive the Philadelphia
would not receive it so readily in our citizens
and as more may be expected every day, I
have detained them all until further order
from you. I am of opinion a Guard ship
in the harbour would be of infinite service
on the present occasion, and by putting out
more Guard on board with the extra
officers I have here, it would be cheap
accommodations for the young midshipmen
and the present Navy yard for which we
pay \$450 per month, and which is entirely out
of the way of the Ship building at this place,
might be dispersed with, particular as it is
none of us other use but for the Guard & the
Quartermaster's office, all of whom could be well
accommodated in any of those large ships
lying idle at this place, and can be
obtained from any of the merchants by our