

term of service have expired - Agreeable to
letter I had the honor to address you on the 15th Dec^r.
I opened an order for the Constellation & have procured
about forty men who have signed for two years, or
in the course of paying off the Leboner, I no doubt
could procure many more, should it meet your
approbation - I presume they can be conveyed to
Norfolk at as low a rate as the crew of the Adams
move from Massachusetts, there being constantly
returning waggons going from hence to the South
States - As I have had no communication with
the Ship I do not pretend to judge of the necessity
as I know not if there is so much in want of men
as to require it - I merely wish to inform you
as I am aware of the necessity of her being
made immediately to embrace the first opportunity
to depart - that if you consider it
necessary I will indulge me with forty
for nothing shall be wanting on my part
to save expense in their transportation
and I can accompany them myself, or put the
under careful officers & proceed at night
to prepare for their accommodation & convey
- once from place to place -
Should this meet your approbation, I am, Sir,