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Captains Letters
Tingey to Jones
August 27, 1814

At 20 minutes past 8 Captⁿ Creighton returned, he was still extremely averse to the destruction of the property, but having informed him that your orders to me were imperative; the proper disposition of the boats being made, the matches were applied, and in a few moments the whole was in a state of inextricable conflagration.

When about leaving the wharf, I observed the fire had also commenc'd at the works at Greenleaf point, and in the way out of the branch we observed the Capitol on fire. It had been my intention not to leave the vicinity of the yard with my boat during the night, but having Captⁿ Creighton and other gentlemen with me, she was much too encumbered and overladen to render that determination proper. We therefore proceeded to Alexandria, in the vicinity of which I rested till the morning of the 25th, when, having also refreshed the gig's crew we left Alexandria at 1/2 past 7 o'clock, and proceeded again up to the yard, where I landed unmolested about 1/4 before nine ~~o'clock~~.

The Schooner Lynx had laid alongside the burning wharf, still unhurt - hoping therefore to save her, we hauled her to the quarter of the hull of the New York, which had also escaped the ravages of the flames.

The detail issuing stores, of the Navy store keeper, had remained safe from the fire during the night; which the Enemy (being in force in the yard) about 8 o'clock set fire to, and it was speedily consumed. It appear'd that they had left the yard about 1/2 hour when we arrived. I found my dwelling house, and that of Lieut^t Haraden ~~untouched~~ untouched by fire - but some of the people of

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