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William Jones Esq^r
Secretary of the Navy

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Sir

I have received your letter
of the 20th Inst^t offering me the Command of
the "Flotilla on the upper part of the Chesapeake"
VG. Also, inclosing the "Special Letter, appoint-
ing me to that command, with a copy of
the Rules and Regulations of the Navy, and a
blank copy of the Oath of Office. I accept,
Sir, the Command, and have subscribed to
the Oath, which I now have the honor to inclose

On receiving your further instructions I
shall immediately commence my services in
executing your orders & wishes. And am
Respectfully yours Joshua Barnes