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Sir

Your letter of the 2^d Inst. I received and am
Anxiously waiting the arrival of the "Black Snake"
Scorpion & Ash. particularly the first in order to
push on the completing of the Barges. I have
not feared rendezvous as the men belonging to
the Schooners & Barges are not paid ~~for~~ but shall
do it on Saturday next. I observe that you confine
me to 10 Seamen for the large Barges, and ~~to~~ the
small ones, I fear that will be a means of delay, as
we have only Seamen here, the ordinary seamen
and landsmen have all gone into the army, or
as substitutes; as we have now a great many
seamen would it not be advisable to ~~let~~ them
if possible, by which means they will be kept in
service, and should you want them hereafter
for the Sloops. you could then order as many as