

you please to be discharged from the flotilla, and
the circumstances would compell them to shift
in the Sloop or frigate, and I could, perhaps, at
that time, procure, ordinary seamen & landsmen
better than at present - I have had much

conversation with Captain Soloman Rutter, he inclines
to continue in the service under my command

and if you will confer on him a commission as
Acting Lieutenant, of course second in command, he
will join me immediately, which is much to be

desired, and I hope will meet your approbation

Captain Henry Worthington of ^{the} Baltimore Barge No

wishes to continue & also Capt. Jesse Huffington of
Barge No 5 - Capt. Bumberry (who is now sick)

has signified to me his desire to continue, he

was second in command under Capt Rutter, and

stands high in his estimation, The Captain