

I hope in a few days to get on faster, particularly when the Commanders have received their appointments, they will then assist me in procuring me.

I could wish to have a Purser allowed, as the accounts and supplies will be numerous, and what I do not desire to meddle with. If you will oblige me by appointing my Son, he will give security according to Law, and receive the appointment during this particular service.

A Surgeon will soon be wanted to prepare necessaries in time. The "Black-snake" is thought much of, but the Officer who brought her round, says she will not steer well, without a fib, she carries too strong a weather helm, and the breadth of the rudder injures her sailing, altho he tried her trim in every way, by having the men aft.