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Sir I came down here a few days ago, in order to ship men, according to the orders received of which I inclose, I have succeeded in engaging twenty one, who have signed my articles for twelve months, but on demanding their discharge from the Commanding Officer here, he refused until a formal discharge was sent from the War Department, I inclose a list of the men, they are all of the 36th Regt - I wish a discharge to be sent forward and for them to be paid off from the Army. I am very anxious to have them delivered over to me, as I have Gunboat 138 here for the purpose of taking them to Baltimore, and am fearful if delayed me