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Sir

I received yours of the 14th this afternoon.

The commanding officer here, altho he had the order from the War Department on the 15th, yet he never mentioned that circumstance to me until yesterday. I have received the men, but a difficulty arose respecting their being paid \$, altho order, yet it has not been done. The officer says, for want of money, the men complained much & I have promised to see justice done them, they will go up in the Gun boat the first fair wind. In consequence

of my letter to Mr. Perry Spencer of St Michael he came over yesterday and after some conversation he proceeded to Baltimore, where I expect he will make a contract with Mr. Beatty for building the barges, as he informed he could