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Hon^{ble} William Jones
Secretary of the Navy

Sir

In consequence of your letter of the 17th

Int^l informing me that a general order was sent to the
Commanding Officer of the 56th Regt^t at Annapolis to discharge
all the men who were willing to enter with me, I dispatched
an officer to receive the two men I mentioned to you in
a former letter, & for three others who had engaged with me
previous to my leaving Annapolis, with a letter to the
Commanding Officer to that effect; my officer has returned
and I am sorry to say without the men, under pretext
of their not being discharged, (as Mr. Lin letter inclosed) the
conduct of the commanding officer (Capt^t Merrick) has already
gave me much trouble, and caused unnecessary offence
to the U.S. several more men belonging to that Regt^t are
desirous of entering but are prevented by the conduct of this
officer.

Mr. Sheneer of St. Michaels has sent over for
one of our barges of the 2^d Class (according to my offer and
your instructions) which was sent this morning, for