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Mr. States Cutter Scorpion

Fort Warburton August the 15th 1843

J. S.

Sir,

Obedient to your orders I dropped
down the river and found the Gun Boat
higher up than I expected, being an-
chored off the above fort when Capt.
Mous directed the Commanding Officer
to remain for the purpose of overhauling
all vessels bound up and down -

You directed me to return with all
the force, but as I think it necessary
that one or two of the boats should re-
main, the officers of them having a
better idea of such service as that
they are at present employed in. than
those at the Fort can have, I shall
wait your further orders -

There has been a quantity of powder