

to take in the powder, from whence you will proceed
in her, down the Bay to Norfolk.

I wish you to hasten your departure the more, as
the Officer who has the temporary command of the
Constellation, is very improperly permitting several
of the young Officers to leave the ship.

You can bring on, in the vessel with the shot, the
forty or fifty men you engaged for the Constellation,
and I believe you will find that number will com-
plete the crew of that ship.

Captain Ridgely will, of course, be the Command-
ing Naval Officer after your departure.

I am, respectfully,
Yours, &c.

W. Jones.

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Navy Department
Sept 15th 1813.

Sir,

In reply to your letters of the 9th and 13th current,
I inform you that the Navy Agent is directed to purchase the
Galley, on the lowest practicable terms, in which you will
afford him your assistance, and as soon as the Command-
er's name is forwarded to the Department, a warrant
for him will be returned.

Lieutenant Parker's report of the Barge does not cor-
respond with the experiments made on her here; it is
probable he expected too much of her. Experience, how-
ever, will determine, and if a Sib is required it can soon
be added, though it will be better to avoid it if possible.

The cause is easily perceived to be her long shallow body,
and trimming on an even keel — the resistance of the
water on the Lee Bow, pressing her to windward,
having so little hold of the water abaft to resist.