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from Henry Rutgers July 27, 1814 5-90<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

To the Honorable  
W<sup>m</sup> Jones

New York July 27<sup>th</sup> 1814

Sir,

The Committee for constructing the Steamship of war, have the honor to inform you that the work is advancing in all its parts with great rapidity. her timbers are all raised and in a few days they will commence planking her. The great cylinder is cast, and her boilers about half finished. Cannon and fuzes are only required to complete this interesting work by November, the first sum of \$20,000 is expended & the Committee are at the moment out of funds and unable to pay some of the demands on them. They have therefore requested me to represent to Government the indispensable necessity of remitting an additional sum of 30,000 Dollars by the 2<sup>d</sup> of August, as by that day the claims on the Committee will be very considerable, and unless they are discharged with punctuality, it will be impossible to proceed with the work.

I am Sir with due Consideration

Your Ob<sup>t</sup> Servant,

Henry Rutgers, Chairman  
Comd Coast & Harbour defence

P.S. <sup>Guns</sup> I am also desired by the Committee to request that you will order with all possible dispatch from Philadelphia to New York, there are but three 32 pounders at the Navy Yard of this place. 21 in addition are required. The honor of an early answer is requested.

H. R.  
