now and with the Militia, had better be detailed by the Secretary, for the service of the Navy Yard, for without them, you must be sensible of the difficulty of making the contemplated preparations. Be pleased to suggest it to the Secretary of War. The Hulk of the old Boston will answer for the channel, and the line you have chosen, opposite Windmill point, is strong and judicious. I have some doubts of the propriety of the two Carronades, at the point A, unless the hill, in the rear, is covered by troops. These points, however, can easily be settled, the main design is agreed upon.

The great object will be, to retire in time, to reach the ultimate position, with the Frigate, and of that you will be the exclusive judge. Your knowledge of the channel, and depth of water, will indicate to you the proper time — Your Ship draws much less water than any of theirs, and you could reduce your draught of water materially, by starting the water in the after hold. The Scows are clumsy, and must retire in time, there, and the Gunboats, would cover the passage of the Frigate over the Bar. I have written in haste, and will again write to you tomorrow.

☞ Would it not be better to place the New Gunk at Windmill point, and put one half your Guns on her, she would, I think, answer the purpose better than a Land Battery.

I am, respectfully,
your Obt. Servant,
W. Jones

Captain John Cassin,
Commandant U. S. Navy Yard
Portsmouth.

Navy Department,
July 19th 1813.

Sir,

Mr James Lloyd, the inventor of an inflammable

liquid, which he proposes to apply to the destruction of the enemy's ships, will have presented himself to you, for the purpose of testing, by experiment, the efficacy of his invention. It appears to possess the qualities which he attributes to it, and I wish you to afford to him, the necessary facility and means of making the application. He says that a shell, filled with the fluid, may be fired from a Cannon, and when striking the side of a Ship, will burst, and inflame to such a degree, as to be unextinguishable. This experiment I wish to be fully tested.

I am, respectfully,
your Obedt. Servant,
W. Jones.

No 30.

Commodore Isaac Chauncey
Com.d the U. S. Naval forces
on the Lakes.

Navy Department
July 19th 1813.

Sir,

I have this instant received your Nos 58, 59, & 60.

On the 17th I wrote to you, urging the trial of Capt Lennard, my motive is purely a desire to avoid defeating the end of Justice, by the delay in its administration.

But it is undoubtedly better, that an individual should sustain some inconvenience, than that the Public cause should suffer.

Your delaying the expedition, for the sole purpose of expediting the trial, is out of the question, and Captain Lennard himself, must justify the delay on such grounds. You will however take the earliest oppo