Joshua Barney Esqr
Commanding the U.S. Flotilla
Benedict

Navy Department
June 28th 1814.

Sir

Last Evening I received yours of the 26th & 27th and congratulate you on the successful result of the vigorous effort by which the Blockade of St Leonard's Creek was raised.

The Patuxent affording a safe retreat for the flotilla in the event of the blockade of that river being continued with such a force as to forbid the hope of your release, it has become necessary to consider and determine what is best to be done; and as this can be decided with a more full and satisfactory discussion by an hours conversation than by partial correspondence; I think, after you have made such arrangements and given such instructions to the officer next in Command, as shall ensure the safety of the flotilla, and place you at ease during your absence for a day or two, you had better proceed immediately to this place, and with this view, I shall defer until your arrival whatever else I have at present to say.

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W Jones.

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The Commanding Naval Officer
at Erie, Pennsylvania.

Navy Department
June 28th 1814.

Sir

You will furnish the transportation required by the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Commissary General of Prisoners, but it is not to interfere with the transportation of the Troops of the United States, mentioned in my instructions to Captain Sinclair and in my letter of the 20th instant to the Commanding Naval Officer.

In the transportation of the British Prisoners, it will be proper to use every precaution to keep them seperated from our Crews, and that the best aspect should be given to our force in the presence of the Prisoners.

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W Jones.

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Commodore Isaac Chauncey
Commanding the U.S. Naval forces
on Lake Ontario

Navy Department
June 28th 1814.

Sir

I have this instant received your Nos 110. 111. 112 & 13.

The gallantry of our Navy has become proverbial, and though its deeds are among the familiar objects of the day, their lustre still attracts the public eye and admiration, with unbounded pleasure. whether the theatre be the deck of a 44, or the sheets of a Gig, the same dauntless spirit and thirst of glory are equally displayed.

The achievement of Lieut Gregory, is the precursor, of a fair renown, when time shall have matured his professional career.

I seize with pleasure the occasion to transmit to you his Commission as a Lieutenant in the Navy of the United States, as a mark of the satisfaction the President has derived from this evidence of his merit.

His Companions Sailing Master Vaughan and Mr Dixon merit the highest praise, in which also the brave men under their command largely participate.

I have transmitted the list of the Prisoners to the Commissary General who will direct the proper Officer to take charge of them.

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W Jones.

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Captain Stephen Decatur
Commanding the U.S. Ship
President, New York

Navy Department
June 29th 1814.

Sir

When the United States Ship President under your Command, is in efficient order for a Cruise, you will embrace the first favorable opportunity to elude the vigilance of the Blockading Squadron, and proceed to take a position on a Meridian, just to the eastward of the Grand Bank, clear of the fogs, and between the parallels of 42 and 45 degrees, with a view to intercept the Store Ships and Transports of the enemy expected from Europe.

This service, in the present menacing aspect of our Affairs, is of the highest importance, and should the information you may receive, or other