

See Nav to Barney
December 27, 1814

Joshua Barney, Esq.
Comm'g U.S. Flotilla
Baltimore

Navy Department
Dec^r 27, 1814

Sir,

The order to assist in raising the Helks placed at the entrance of the Harbour of Baltimore (of which the Enclosed is a copy) was sent to the commanding Naval officer, who, it appears, did not deliver it to you as was intended. It was so addressed to avoid any delay or interference of the commanding naval officer to prevent immediate compliance. The request from the War Department is renewed; and you are urgently required to comply with the order in such a way as the Military Commander & yourself shall deem best calculated to promote the public interest.

I am respectfully etc.

Benj^m Homans A.S.N.