

My plan for the Constellation's cruise, could I
have got to sea, was to have proceeded off the coast of South Carolina,
and endeavoured to have picked up some of the Enemy's small
cruisers, from thence off the Western Islands, from thence off
St. Vincent and Ladiz, from thence off Madeira and the
Azores, from thence off to windward of the Caribbean
Islands, then down through the West Indies to the Gulf passage
and home; my stay on each station being prolonged or short-
ened according to success, information, the state of my supplies,
and other circumstances; but should a small resupply be given
the ship as a tender, my cruise could be much lengthened
and varied to greater advantage.

The Constellation will be in readiness to sail
as soon as we can get one suit of her sails enlarged; (most of
her sails being one third too small, and all our spare canvas
has been used to alter what is done), which will I hope be
accomplished in the course of this week.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully Sir

Your obedient Servant

William Jones
Secretary of Navy

Edw. Stewart