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Havre Ward Report
5th March 1813.

Sir,

It is but lately understood the Master of this Station is responsible for the expenditure of Provisions, delivered on board the Gun Boats.

They leave to suggest the necessity of holding the Master responsible for all provision received on board, as the Steward is under the Executive direction of the Master, consequently of procuring & provision at his orders.

Yesterday I was compelled to take the warrant from Sailing Master John William, for intoxication, & disobedience of orders; this being the third time he has been suspended from command, he making such fair promises of reformation that I was induced to reinstate him, until his last act. I am informed he has frequently drawn liquor for himself, and others by quarts, in which case very considerable loss must be sustained, whereas if the Master was made accountable