

United States Frigate Constellation

Portsmouth Harbour March 22 1813

Sir

I had the honor to address you on the 17th inst informing you that I was under the necessity of withdrawing the Constellation from Craney Island owing to the weak state and condition of the Gun Boats; Since which time I have been busily engaged selecting and preparing as many of them, best sailing, we could man and arm, holding them ready for any more which may be required of them. The following number are all that we could put in such state and condition under the order issued the 18th instant

No 67 Lieutenant Gardner

60

Henley

152

Neale

153

Wilkinson

149

Shubrick

51

Saunders

154 Sailing-master Young

Owing to a deficiency of all most every article required, I taking from the other boats and Navy Yard all the small arms and stores to complete this number agreeable to the order)