

her crew - The boatswains are more tolerably
mannered & organized -

This unwelcome incident of the men I attributed
entirely to Capt. Mortimer & his officers, but
found the men one half drunk & no kind of
discipline among them - Mr. Mull has charge
now, and I have taken my quarters on board
find him even more ridiculous indeed -

I was compelled to send the prisoners to
Port for the want of a sufficient guard in
Navy yard, all of which I strongly urged to
Wharton & absolutely predicted something of
kind to induce him to strengthen our guard

I stood alone upon the quarter deck with
men in a mutinous state & one half drunk
Had I left the deck a moment they would be
ungovernable, but my orders they have disobeyed
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very respectfully
Yours,

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