

I find the officers in his station at the Guard
rally have behaved remarkably well.
For your satisfaction it may not be an
remark that this sentinel was posted to prevent
the desertion of new recruits who are usually
detained here several nights together &
to prevent persons belonging to the yard
going out of the yard without leave, but
to prevent the Marines from passing out of
Guard room, or the Sailors from passing in
of their quarters, at their pleasure as the
is enclosed with a board fence & will
of them passing from one apartment to the

I have the honor to be

with great respect

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C. J. Gordon

The Hon.ble

William Jones

Secretary of the Navy
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