

Very Obedt Gosport
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Sir,

By instructions received from Captain B. Stewart late Commander of the Frigate Constellation, by letter of the 4th current, for the construction of a floating battery, wherein he says it is particularly desirable that it should be constructed at the least possible expence, therefore it will not be necessary to employ many Carpenters there but detachments of Carpenters & Blacksmiths will be furnished by General Mads Hampton from the Army, also a sufficient number of Surgeons.

Having collected a quantity of materials for the purpose, and presuming those men would be paid for extra services agreeable to the established rules of the Navy -

On application by letter of yesterday, to General Robert Taylor for the detachments of men, as above stated, informing him every thing was ready to commence on the battery his answer was in these words, I will most cordially co-operate with you in every measure with all the means within my power, do me the favor to state the number of Carpenters