

Baltimore June 9th 1846

Sir

Lieut Ridgley's health is so very delicate that his Physicians thinks he will be incapable of undertaking any duty for some time, as the exposure he would be consequently subject to might bring on a confirmation of his disease. He is therefore desirous of your indulgence until his health is sufficiently restored.

He is desirous of going in the Constitution, but I fear his disorder is too deeply rooted to be removed in time. Lieut Bright has therefore better be ordered on that ship.

I have the honor to be Sir,

very respectfully,

Yours obediently

Chs Stewart

Honble

William Jones

Secretary of the Navy

Navy Yard
June 9, 1846
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