

Mr. [unclear] Navy Yard Report
June 10th 1813

Captain Stewart & myself on examining
the United States Sloop Spitfire, found that she could
be fitted out for Harbour defence, at very little expense
and concluded to do so, which I presume he has informed
you thereof, she is now ready to receive her mortars which
is on the Wharf along side, I would beg leave to recommend
the arming of her with Eight six pounders exclusive of
the mortars, she being a heavy hull I put a light sheet
-ing on her & coppered her with some of the Old Copper taken
off the Frigate United States.

Should you deem it expedient
to place officers on board of her, I would beg leave to recom-
-mend Mr. Walter G. Anderson Acting Lieutenant of this
Yard to the Command, he is an Active smart Officer very
sober steady man, has been at the head of the list of officer-
-shipman for a very considerable time, and Master of the
Yard for three years prior to my taking charge. I would
also beg leave to recommend Lieutenant John W. Gardner
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