

Sir

Harry yard Gaspoint 15 June 1815

I had the honor of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> and have notified the persons whom I engaged to furnish timber not to send any more, should it meet your approbation I will haul up what is there and have it stock'd in the yard for seasoning -

Permit me to say as I am of opinion with yourself that the frigates handled perfectly secure from an attack by the enemy which surpassed the necessity of a floating battery, and I hope you will indulge me with my request, that is to build a ship of war of some description, for the scholars the gun boats give me employment to keep them in any kind of sphere as to economy. otherwise they might well be considered the leeches of our little Navy, yet still I could wish to be employed building a ship. Con- sidering myself from long service to be competent thereto and in the heart of the best materials I am persuaded we can build as cheap as in any part of the Union had I but a few work shops such as black maker, cooper, and sailmaker. shops, joiners shop might be dispensed with for a time having a shield to work under I have vanity enough to think no man holds his Country more sincerely at heart than I have as far as my small ability will admit And I am sure there is no officer