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Baltimore 23rd June 1873

Sir,

Under an impression that L. Read of the U. S. Cutter Scorpion is acting under orders, I beg leave to report him to you for disobedience of orders, neglect of duty, and for treating with contempt a superior officer in the execution of his office —

As I informed him I should write you on the subject, I presume he has made you acquainted with what passed between us —

On my arrival in the Potomac / among instructions embraced that Flotilla / I was desirous of taking the most active of them into the Bay with me, & requested a report from him to ascertain what assistance I might calculate on receiving from them; But on his reporting that they were incapable of performing such service, and that they were manned by part of 7th Crew, I informed him I should not think of taking them off their station to cruise, or out of 7th reach; But that as I was going down the Bay I should expect he would station one of his most active vessels in a situation to see me as soon as possible on our return so that he might com-