

he was going up in a few days - I answered
I reminded him of the directions I had given
him, & of the necessity of his being more on
the alert, when I received his answer of the
15th Instth affirming an independence of me
& treating with contempt the whole of my
communication - Even admitting he had
positive orders from the Secretary & myself
both not to act under me, ought he not to
have produced those orders, or at least, in-
formed me of it, & treated me with a marked
of delicacy & respect - The situation of the
Army & the circumstances attending my
movements rendered it necessary for the
good of the service that I should claim of
Lieut. Read what I did, for which I alone, as
the senior officer, was responsible, be the
consequence what it might; And he as a
junior officer was bound to obey, more
particularly as it did not take him off
his station - He once informed me he would
bring his instructions on board to show me,
but I never did see them & never was
made acquainted with them, And am still
at a loss to account for his objections to my
orders & for his strange conduct in leaving &
remaining off the station merely because