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Navy Yard Wash. ⁱⁿ 20 June 1813.

Sir

I am honored with your letter of 25th relative to the weight, sizes & number of pieces of Thontledge requisite for one of our 1st class of Frigates, and also, for one of the new sloops of War - To the former we have generally allowed about 1620 pieces, averaging about 220 lb. each, making an aggregate of about 160 tons. For one of our new sloop of War, I calculate that seventy five tons, will be ample.

By the Navy Store keepers returns, there appears to be now in the yard, about 110 tons, but this quantity does not comprise the extra quantity of old Thontledge, that we have received from the different ships, over and above that, with which they have been subsequently furnished. On a view of the whole, I conceive there may be sufficient now in this yard, for the Frigate and Sloop, contemplated to be built here.

But I consider it also eligible that one hundred