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Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that on consulting with Lieut. H. Ridgely, I find he considers himself sufficiently recovered to assume the command of this place. The loss of lives to be permitted to send the force down under Capt. Boyle until the movements of the Enemy of the Bay shall require his attention on board, as he is now recruiting fast, and expects in a few weeks to be sufficiently restored to bear the fatigues of active service. I have great confidence

in Capt. Boyle, and I know it would be gratifying to the owners of these vessels - He is well known & very popular among the officers & crews of them all, & certainly well calculated for such service.

I am about ordering Mr. Mull