

## NAVY DEPARTMENT.



TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

*The Secretary of the Navy respectfully makes the following Report:*

The vessels in commission during the past year, have been employed in the manner exhibited in the last annual report.

The duties assigned to the officers have been performed to the satisfaction of the Department, and no occurrences on board the ships call for particular notice.

The several squadrons have been as free as usual from disease. Paper A. shows the deaths, resignations, and dismissions, which have taken place.

Essential service has been rendered to our commercial and our political relations by the squadron in the Mediterranean, under the command of Commodore Rodgers. Although the war in the Archipelago continues, with an increasing relaxation of discipline and control over the vessels of one of the contending parties; and difficulties have existed between one or more of the Barbary states, and some of the powers of Europe; yet the presence and activity of our vessels of war, under the skilful direction of the commander, have protected our numerous merchant vessels, and our growing commerce from serious interruption. The force should not be diminished, and no change is designed by the Department, except in the vessels. The squadron will this year consist of the Delaware, Java, Lexington, Warren, and Porpoise, and will be commanded by Captain Crane.

No piracies have been committed in the West Indies. The prudent and active application of our small force has accomplished all that was anticipated from it. Captain Ridgely continues in command there.

The causes which induced the government to order the squadron to the coasts of Brazil and Buenos Ayres, still exist. The Cyane has returned, and a relief for the Macedonian must be sent in the course of next summer, but the force will not be diminished. Some of our merchant vessels on that coast have been captured, and otherwise interrupted, for real or pretended violations of blockades, and of the laws of the country. A part of them have been released, upon the application and remonstrances of our naval officers, whose skill, indus-

try, and zeal, have been commendable. Captain Biddle continues in command there.

A number of our seamen have been found in a state of distress on that station, and some in other parts of South America ; having been thrown out of the foreign employment into which they had entered. In many cases, their distresses have been relieved, and the means afforded of reaching their homes. It has been the policy of the government, seconded by our officers, to treat them with kindness, and induce them cheerfully to return to this country, where their services are always useful.

In the Pacific, the squadron lately commanded by Captain Hull, and at present by Captain Jones, has afforded all the protection which the smallness of its force, its immense distance from this country, and the nature of the navigation on the western coasts of South America, would permit. Until within the last eighteen months, its operations have been confined, almost entirely, to the neighborhood of Chili and Peru, where the war then existing between those countries and Spain, rendered its presence necessary. That war has terminated ; but the necessity for a small force there still continues, and the wants of our commerce in other parts of the Pacific call for its increase.

In the original instructions to Captain Hull, he was directed, when his presence on the coast could be dispensed with, to visit the Sandwich islands, to protect our interests, and acquire information respecting our commerce in that quarter. Subsequent orders to the same effect were given, and particular objects recommended to his attention. His duties not permitting him to be absent, he intrusted to other officers under his command the execution of those orders.

Lieutenant Percival was sent in the *Dolphin* to the Mulgrave islands, in search of the mutineers of the ship *Globe*, with instructions after accomplishing that specific duty, to visit the Sandwich and Society islands, and the coast of California. He was successful in discovering two of the crew of the *Globe*, who alone remained upon the island, and they were brought to the United States and surrendered to the civil authority, but were probably among the least criminal of the mutineers. He also visited the other places pointed out in his instructions.

At a subsequent period Master Commandant Jones, in the *Peacock*, passed over a part of the same route, and obtained much valuable information in relation to our commerce, and made arrangements with the governments existing in some of the Society and Sandwich islands, from which it is hoped security and advantage will result to our vessels visiting them, either for refreshment or trade.

These cruises have confirmed the opinion which dictated the original instructions to Captain Hull.

Our commerce in that Ocean is augmenting with great rapidity. During the past year, not less than five millions of American property, and 2,000 seamen were in the single port of Honolulu ; being drawn there for traffic, refreshment, or repairs. The multiplied difficulties to which they are subjected, by the nature of their employment, and the

character of the people and governments of the islands, demand an effort on our part to afford efficient protection to them. At least four vessels of respectable size ought to be constantly in the Pacific, and the distance from the United States renders this impossible, unless six vessels in commission be devoted to that object. With this number, and by a proper arrangement in sending them out, alternately by Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope, large benefits would be secured. This number, however, cannot be so employed, unless the vessels in commission be increased.

Master Commandant Jones was instructed to endeavor to relieve these islands from American seamen, who had improperly deserted from whaling and other vessels, and taken refuge there, to the annoyance not only of the people, but to the injury of our own citizens; to make arrangements by which such desertions might be prevented, and if possible, to secure certain debts due to our citizens by the people and government. It is hoped that he was successful in these objects, and that many inconveniences to our whaling, and other vessels, will be hereafter in some degree avoided. The sailors were removed from the islands by being induced to enter, either on board the Peacock, or some other ship, which was in want of their services.

The reports of Master Commandant Jones, upon the subjects confided to him, are too voluminous to be annexed to this report.

In directing the movements of our squadron in the Pacific, great difficulty is encountered from the immense distance, and the impossibility of regular and speedy communication with it. It is, therefore, proper again to advert to the establishment of a regular passage and communication through the Isthmus of Panama, which has, heretofore, been urged in more than one annual report; and, on which, a detailed statement was made to the Naval Committee, in January, 1826, in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of 22d December preceding. It would produce a saving of money, facility in directing the operations of our force, comfort and convenience to our officers, and its effects on the commerce of the country would be salutary. Cheap as the operation might be made, simple and unostentatious as the plan is, it would go far to effect a change in our commercial transactions with the Pacific Ocean and Chinese Sea, and be the avenue through which a large amount of the precious metals would find their way to this country.

Lieutenant McKeever, in the schooner Shark, left New-York, on the 24th July, for a cruise among the fisheries to the north, and to look after and protect our interests in that quarter. He returned on the 6th October, having accomplished satisfactorily the objects of his cruise. His report is annexed, marked B. The benefits heretofore resulting from the annual visits of our armed vessels to the fisheries, indicate clearly the duty of continuing the practice.

Lieutenant Norris, in the schooner Shark, visited the Agency, at Mesurado, in January last, to render to it such assistance as its situation should require. His report is annexed. C. Occasional visits of our armed vessels to this Agency, while in its present state, will be

useful; but as one of those attached to the West India squadron can be spared for that object, no other need be commissioned, unless it should be the will of Congress to devote one or more, exclusively, to cruise in connexion with it and the suppression of the slave trade.

The state of the Agency is as favourable as could have been anticipated. Buildings and improvements are very nearly completed, which will be sufficient to receive and accommodate 150 Africans, which is as many as will probably be re-captured at any one time. Those who have been sent, previous to the present year, have ceased to be an expense to the government, and are now in a comfortable situation, capable of taking care of themselves, and acquiring property and respectability among those of their own color, and in their native land. During the past summer, 142 were sent from Savannah to the Agency. They were brought into Georgia in the year 1820, in the General Ramirez, and have been, from that time to the last spring, in a course of litigation, and at a great expense to the government. As soon as the Department was authorized to take charge of and remove them, measures were taken for that purpose. They were received at the Agency, and disposed of in such way that they will occasion very little expense for the first six months, and none afterwards. It may now be confidently asserted, that the principal cost in the establishment of this Agency has been encountered, and that whenever, in the execution of the laws, Africans shall be re-captured, it will be in the power of the Government to place them at the Agency, at a sum not exceeding \$25 each. After their arrival, the expense will be small, and not continue longer than six, or at most nine, months. The object of the laws for the suppression of the slave trade, has been in this respect accomplished, and the effects on the trade itself will be salutary. It will be perceived by the report of Lieutenant Norris, that it is nearly extinct in the neighborhood of Mesurado, and if the cruisers of our own and other governments are vigilant, a check may be given to it every where, and perhaps its existence destroyed.

Annexed are certain papers, marked D., which show the manner in which the Agency has been conducted, the amount of money which has been expended upon it during the year, the present state of the appropriation, and an estimate of the funds necessary for its support. The "act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade," and appropriating \$100,000, was passed 3d March, 1819. Subsequent appropriations have been made for the same object, and the whole amount expended upon it is \$185,140 12.

It has been customary with the Department for two or three years past, to direct the attention of our commanding officers abroad to the propriety of adding something to the agricultural, while they were protecting the commercial interest of the nation, by procuring information respecting valuable animals, seeds, and plants, and importing such as they could conveniently, without inattention to their more appropriate duties. Very few of them have returned without some valuable importations of the kind. More precise and detailed instructions, have, under your directions, and in connexion with the Trea-

sure Department, been prepared, and will hereafter be given to each officer who commands a vessel in commission. The most beneficial results are anticipated from this course; and will certainly be produced, so far as they are practicable, by the individual exertions of the officers, there being no appropriation out of which any money can be taken for so desirable an object.

From this rapid review of the employments of our naval force in commission, it will be perceived, that it cannot with propriety be diminished, if regard be paid to our commercial and other interests. And when to this consideration is added the necessity of active employment to our officers and men, to prepare them for the duties which a state of unfriendly relations with other powers may impose, it is presumed no objection will be made to the estimates for the year, which have been formed upon the existing state of the service, and are annexed to this report, marked E.

The amount estimated is \$3,043,697 75. Last year it was \$3,014,802 92. In the present estimates, however, there is embraced an item of \$201,350, for the completion and equipment of the ten sloops of war authorized to be built by the law of 3d March, 1825, and which will be prepared for sea in the course of this year. This sum is not properly chargeable to the current expenses of the Navy, and when it is deducted, the present estimates will be found to be \$172,455 17 less than the last. They embrace the support of the several naval establishments on shore, and preservation of the ships in ordinary—of one ship of the line, six frigates, twelve sloops, and four schooners in commission, and, with a small increase, the number of officers now in service.

It is presumed that the number of naval establishments will not be diminished. Although it is manifestly the true policy, so far as economy and efficiency are concerned, to limit, as far as possible, the number of our large dock yards, at which every species of labor connected with our shipping is to be performed: yet other considerations have heretofore operated, and will doubtless continue to operate, to keep up the number now in existence. They have, therefore, been embraced in the estimates. Of the vessels proposed to be kept in commission, none can with propriety be dispensed with.

The small addition to the number of our officers arises from what is supposed to be the absolute necessity of the service. It is one of absence, privation and exposure. In such a service, it must always be expected that about one-third or one-fourth will be unable to attend to active duty. Sickness, and other causes, will always operate to that extent, and when this deduction is made, it will be found that several of our classes of officers are too small. This is especially the case in the Medical branch; for with every exertion which the Department could make, it has sometimes happened, during the past as in former years, that sufficient medical aid could not be afforded to all our vessels while at sea, and to all our establishments on shore.

The form of the estimates is such as the decisions of Congress require. There are one or two points in reference to them, however,

which it is proper again to notice, inasmuch as they continue to operate with severity, and occasion not only inconvenience but loss of public money.

1st. The estimates and appropriations are made for the year commencing and ending on the 1st January. The appropriation laws are never passed until after that period. The Department is, therefore, left, sometimes for six weeks or two months, without funds for the use of the Navy. Were our ships, officers, and men, within the country, this circumstance, although very injurious, would be less felt; but as they are absent, at great distances, it creates serious inconvenience, and sometimes loss of both credit and money. They must have funds for their support, and must therefore procure them, if they can, by drawing bills upon the Department, and these are sometimes protested for want of the means of payment. The consequences are too palpable to require comment. The remedy is simple: To make the appropriation, in the first instance, for a year and a quarter, and let those for subsequent years commence on the 1st April. Should this plan be approved and adopted by Congress, an addition of one-fourth must be made to the estimates, for the quarter ending on the 1st April, 1829. All subsequent appropriations would be for a year only.

2d. Specific sums are appropriated for specific objects, which is undoubtedly the best and safest mode; but the form, in which it is done, creates difficulty. The estimates are made by the Navy Commissioners, with all the skill and accuracy which experience and intelligence can give, and the amount which will probably be wanted for each object of pay, subsistence, &c. is stated. But it is impossible to estimate these things with the precision which can readily be secured, where the expenditure is to be made in our own country, and under the more immediate control of the Department. Hence it is found, that although the appropriation is sufficient for the general object, yet there is sometimes a surplus under one head, and a deficiency under another. Aware that this difficulty would occur, Congress, by the laws of 3d March, 1809, and 1st May, 1820, authorized the President to make transfers, under a few enumerated items. These items have been since changed in the appropriation laws, and the power of transfer thereby rendered useless. This inconvenience is increased by the fact that a large portion of the money is drawn for and expended by Pursers and Navy Agents abroad, who are often unavoidably ignorant of the terms of the law under which the expenditure is to be made; and therefore draw and expend the money under one item, when they should do it under another. As an example: They draw under pay of the Navy, whatever is to be paid to the officers and men, although a large portion of it is for their provisions and subsistence, and is estimated for under those heads. The head of pay is consequently exhausted before the end of the year; that of provisions is not: so of other items—and there is no remedy. The President cannot make a transfer, founded on the knowledge that this unavoidable error has been committed, nor can the accounting officer, from the absence of the agent, correct it in season in the settlement of his accounts.

It is respectfully submitted that a remedy may be found, without hazarding the proper expenditures of public money, by one of two modes:—1st, Authorizing the President to make, in writing, transfers from and to certain enumerated items, so as to effect the object which Congress had in passing the laws of 3d March, 1809, and 1st May, 1820:—Or, 2d, by requiring the estimates to be made, as they now are, for each specific item, so that their propriety can be readily tested by Congress; but embracing the amount of several of them under one head, in the appropriation bills. The annual examination, by the committee of Congress, into the expenditures of the Navy, would still be made with equal ease, and afford equal security.

There is another evil, which duty requires should be brought to your notice. By a rigid enforcement of the law, the disbursing officers, within the United States, are compelled to make periodical settlements, and so far as they expend the public money, the accounting departments can furnish statements, showing whether it has been properly expended, and whether the appropriations have been sufficient for the objects. But this is not the case with the large number of disbursing officers who are out of the United States, and who are often absent two or three years, at the distance of thousands of miles. In their absence, their accounts cannot be settled; nor can it be known whether they have expended the money properly, or the appropriations of the year are exhausted. From the same, and other causes, many claims upon the Department, by individuals, are not, and cannot be, presented within the year. It necessarily results, that when the accounts of a particular year are settled, there are sometimes deficiencies, and sometimes a surplus, in those items which are appropriated for certain objects, “and for no other object or purpose whatever.” Confusion and want of accuracy, and sometimes want of means, for the payment of claims, are the consequences, creating both public and private inconvenience.

The Secretary of the Navy has heretofore proposed to the Committee of Ways and Means, and now respectfully suggests, two plans to obviate the inconvenience. One is, an appropriation for arrearages for the service generally, as was done last year, for the Navy, and has been done for many years in the War Department. To this end, an item of \$15,000 has been added in the estimates. The other is, to incorporate into the appropriation bill a provision, that the balances of the several items, which remain at the end of the year, constitute an aggregate fund for the payment of such arrearages in the naval service; as may be due and unsatisfied at that time.

This provision, it is believed, would be sufficient to enable the Department to meet the calls, public and private, upon the service; save great vexation to individuals; secure more precision and certainty in the settlement of accounts; and, at the end of the limitation of the two years required by law, the balance would be passed, as it now is, to the surplus fund.

In the expenditure of the appropriations of the year, so far as the Department is informed, there has been no less or defalcation. The

disbursing officers have exhibited punctuality and faithfulness, and as much accuracy as the circumstances before alluded to, would permit.

Under the appropriation made in 1826 for a survey "to ascertain the practical facilities of Baltimore, Savannah, Brunswick, and Beaufort, for naval purposes," that of Baltimore was completed before the last session of Congress, and the result communicated in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives. Since that time surveys of Brunswick and Savannah have been made by Lieut. Stockton, and his report is in the Department. The time necessarily occupied in them, rendered it impossible to complete that of Beaufort during the spring and summer, without great hazard to the officers and men, the health of several of them having suffered before that of Savannah was ended. It is now in progress, under the superintendence of the same officer, and will be finished without delay, when the whole will be ready to be communicated to Congress. These surveys have been made by competent officers, and will furnish sufficient information to decide how far those places afford "practical facilities for naval purposes." They are, however, unavoidably incomplete. The time within which it was supposed desirable to make them, and the means granted by the appropriation, did not permit them to be so made as to furnish perfect surveys and charts of those harbors. Nor can such surveys be made without the aid of the means contemplated by the act of 10th February, 1807, "to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States."

The report of the Navy Commissioners under the law for the gradual increase of the Navy, is annexed, marked F.

Under the second section of the "Act for the gradual improvement of the Navy," passed at the last session, contracts have been made for the frames of five ships of the line, five frigates, and five sloops of war. See letter F.

Under the authority vested in the Executive, reservations of land have been made in Louisiana and Alabama, and of a tract adjoining the Navy Yard at Pensacola. Orders have been given to the commandant of the yard to plant live oak on the latter. An examination of the coasts of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, as far south as Musquito Inlet, has been made, with a view to the purchase and reservation of land having timber upon it. Much less was found than had been previously hoped for. Orders have also been given, and are in a course of execution, for the examination of the west coast of Florida. It is manifest, from the information already obtained, that we shall be obliged to plant extensive tracts of land with the live oak, or that we shall, after a few years, be deprived of this most valuable timber for the uses of the Navy.

The 4th section of the act referred to, authorized the President "to cause to be constructed two Dry Docks for the use of the Navy—the one to the south, the other to the north of the Potomac." The two sites selected, are, at the Navy Yards at Gosport, in Virginia, and Charlestown, in Massachusetts. Loammi Baldwin, Esq. was appointed the engineer to superintend the construction of the docks. Con-



tracts for a large portion of the labor and materials for both have been made, and the work at Charlestown commenced. That at Gosport will be commenced in a short time. Attention has been paid to the direction of the law respecting the Marine Railway at Pensacola, but the situation of the navy yard and improvements, with other causes, have prevented a decision upon the subject.

In the early part of the last summer, a Board of Officers, composed of Captains Bainbridge, Chauncey and Morris, was directed "to examine thoroughly all the navy yards, and prepare plans for their improvement and the preservation of the public property therein," which might be submitted to the President for his sanction. These officers have devoted to this object as large a portion of their time, as could be spared from their other urgent duties, and have made some progress. The whole will be completed in the course of the winter, or early in the spring; and from what has already been done, entire confidence is felt, that such plans will be prepared and sanctioned, as will greatly promote the public interest, render our navy and dock yards such as the interest of the nation demands, and prevent an unnecessary and wasteful expenditure of the public money. No law which has been passed, since that for the gradual increase of the navy, has had a more salutary influence upon its interests, than the one of which this provision forms a part.

A report of the expenditures under this act, and the "measures taken to carry the same into effect," is subjoined.

The discipline, economy, and efficiency of the service, are objects of unceasing attention, and it is believed that they are as worthy of commendation as at any former period. But in this, as in preceding years, experience has proved that many of the evils which have been so often noticed, still exist. Some, which are within the competency of the executive, have been removed; others must await legislative decision.

It would be improper again to present in detail the views which have before been taken on the questions of rank and pay in the navy; of a want of regular organization; of a code of criminal law or regulations; and of a naval school. But the Department would not discharge its obligations to the service, if it failed to express a conviction, that discipline, economy, and efficiency, would be promoted by judicious legal provisions on these subjects.

In no service, either of the army or navy, in any age or nation, has a force such as we now send to sea in squadrons, been commanded by captains; and perfect subordination and discipline, without which there can be neither efficiency nor economy, cannot prevail, unless so large a force has commanders of a proper grade. Rank is as indispensable in the navy as in the army; and equal justice to the officers calls for the establishment of a higher grade. Several of those upon our list of Captains have been such for more than a quarter of a century; have commanded forces superior to those commanded by Generals on land; have borne themselves as gallantly, and done the state as much service as their military rivals on shore; yet they are still Captains, and with the compensation of Captains; while their patriotic competitors, with

a service less protracted, and not more energetic or deserving, are rewarded by a just and wise government with higher rank and fuller compensation.

Promotions are made from the rank of midshipmen. The proper education of this class of officers is, therefore, the best mode by which we can secure talent, information, and merit in the higher grades. The greater part of them enter the service between the ages of 14 and 16, when it is impossible that they should be well informed scholars. Their situation in the service renders it equally impossible that they should there make much literary or scientific acquisition beyond the practical duties of the seaman. Their pay is incompetent to procure the means of instruction, and their employments are too steady and active to afford the time. The science and information requisite for a navy officer, are in no respect inferior to that required by army officers and engineers; and the interest as well as honor of the country, are not less concerned in the correct performance of their duties. The reason therefore for the preference of the army over the navy in this respect, is not perceived. All that the Department can do has been done to overcome the want of a naval school, which shall unite a practical with a scientific education; but the evils still felt urge the Department again, respectfully, but earnestly, to present it to your consideration.

At the last session of Congress, memorials were presented by many citizens of New York, Pennsylvania, Maine, Virginia, and Ohio, proposing an "exploring expedition to the north and south hemispheres," under the patronage of government. The memorial and papers were referred, by order of the House of Representatives, to this Department, but no appropriation was made. It is presumed, that the reference was intended to convey the disposition of the House in favor of the expedition, and was to be regarded as expressing a wish, that the countenance and support of the Department should be given to it. As no appropriation was made, there was no money which could with propriety be used to carry into execution the object of the reference. The only aid which could, under these circumstances, be afforded, was to grant to those officers of the navy, who chose to join an expedition which should be fitted out by private enterprise, a leave of absence for that object, and to order to it such seamen as were willing and competent to navigate the vessels. This aid would, under the sanction of the reference, have been afforded, if the expedition had been prepared. Since the adjournment of Congress, a large number of respectable citizens of several of the States, have signed memorials of the same tenor as those referred by order of the House.

The condition of the Marine Corps urgently demands that it should be again presented for consideration.

It was "established and organized" in 1798, and consisted of 720 men, besides officers. The design of Congress in creating it, was to furnish a proper guard for the navy yards and for ships at sea. This design points out the extent and organization which it ought to possess. It should be numerous enough to afford a sufficient guard for each yard and each ship in commission. It ought to be also so far incorporated

into the navy, and subject to navy regulations, as to render the government of the two consistent and uniform. In both these respects it needs amendment.

The statement annexed, marked G, shows the proper number for a guard at each yard, and for each vessel in commission, in the opinion of the commandant of the corps, amounting in all to — effective men. The corps now consists of 750 men, besides commissioned and non-commissioned officers; being thirty more than when it was first established, although the service to be performed by it is much more extensive. It is apparent, that this number of men cannot furnish the required guards; and our vessels are therefore often without the requisite number, and a very insufficient protection is afforded to the public property. Watchmen have, during the past year, been hired at several of the yards, to aid the marines, which unavoidably creates confusion and insecurity. It would be better to have the guards composed altogether of one description of persons, either marines or watchmen. The nature of the duties to be performed by this corps, both on land and on water, is such, that great danger results from their being insufficiently discharged. The public interest would therefore be promoted by augmenting its numbers, or by withdrawing it altogether, either from the navy yards or from the ships, and trusting to other means for protection, which would be regarded as a hazardous experiment.

There is still greater defect in the organization than in the numbers of the corps. By the law of 1798, it is governed "by the same rules and articles of war as are prescribed for the military establishment of the United States, and by the rules for the regulation of the navy, according to the nature of the service in which they shall be employed." By the construction uniformly given to this law, the corps is subject to the naval regulations when at sea, and to the army regulations when on land. The same officers and men are at one moment under one system of rules and discipline, at the next under another. Their compensation is governed by one law at sea, by another on land. The nature of their connexion with the navy is unsettled, and subject to constant dispute; and when the laws are to be enforced in the punishment of an officer, neither the War nor Navy Department can, in many cases, act without the interference of the other. It is not necessary to detail the consequences which follow. It is, perhaps, matter of surprise, that confusion, disorder, and violation of duty, have not existed to an extent which might jeopardize the existence of the corps.

The following amendments are respectfully suggested as the proper remedy.

1st. That the corps be increased in the number of privates, and that the number and grade of the officers correspond with those which have been established in the army, and approved by experience.

2d. That it be placed entirely under the laws and regulations for the government of the navy.

3d. That accommodations be afforded to them out of, but adjoining, the navy yards; so that details can be sent, under proper arrangements, by the officer commanding them, into the yards, and while

there to be entirely subject to the control and orders of the commandant.

4th. That a sufficient number, for the sole purpose of guarding the property at Portsmouth, Philadelphia, Washington, and Pensacola, be assigned to those places, and the remainder be divided between the stations at Boston, New York, and Norfolk, where they can be properly drilled and prepared for sea service, and from which our vessels can obtain the necessary guards, when sitting for sea.

5th. That the commandant and staff of the corps remain at this place, as most convenient for communication, both with the Department and the corps, and for the prompt settlement of their accounts.

If these suggestions should be adopted, it is believed, that the marine corps would be much more efficient and less expensive to the public. The two first of these propositions would require legal enactments; the others might be effected by regulation.

The Naval Hospital Fund has an intimate connexion with the interests and feelings of the officers and seamen, who are under the control of this Department. Humanity, justice, and policy, require that the diseased and wounded seamen, when brought into port, should have a home, and the means of cure provided; and that the disabled and aged seaman, who has worthily served his country until his strength is exhausted, should have an asylum where a comfortable subsistence may be found for his last days. This truth has been felt in all civilized and commercial nations. It was early felt in ours, and laws were passed upon the subject; but they have, thus far, not accomplished their object. They direct twenty cents per month to be retained out of the pay of officers, seamen, and marines, and that from the proceeds, hospitals and an asylum should be erected. As yet, not one building has been completed, although the deduction has been regularly made from the pay since the passage of the law, in 1799. The reasons for the failure, were stated in a report by the commissioners of the fund, at the last session of Congress. A part of the fund was absorbed by, and expended, during the late war, in the pay of the Navy. This sum has been repaid, under regulations, and by order of this Department, in the course of the last three years. There is another sum, however, of \$50,000, which was declared by law to be due to the fund on the 26th February, 1811, and was directed to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, which has not yet been paid, except \$3,782 86. This sum was, by \$80,000, less than it ought to have been. The sum which had been paid by the navy amounted to at least \$130,000, as is readily shown by calculating the numbers employed in the service. It is most respectfully suggested, that the whole sum of \$130,000 should be restored, with interest upon it, now amounting to \$262,600. It is not the money of the government or nation. Not one cent has been paid to the fund by the nation. It has been taken out of the pay of the officers and men, and belongs to them as justly as any portion of their private estates.

It is now mentioned in this report, because their rights and interest are necessarily the object of attention by this Department, and because

The money is wanted to meet the buildings for their accommodation. Sites have been purchased for four buildings ; at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Norfolk; which, with a small one at Pensacola, may be made sufficiently extensive to answer all the necessities of the service at any future period.

Two buildings, an hospital at Norfolk and an asylum at Philadelphia, are progressing very satisfactorily ; and if the funds were put in a proper condition, the whole might be completed in two years; and form together an hospital establishment, at least as creditable to the country, and beneficial to the service, as that belonging to any other nation.

The completion of this establishment is demanded by the plainest policy. In this country the services of our seamen are voluntary ; no impressment or other mode of compulsion is, or ought to be, applied, to force them to perform the duties of peace, or fight the battles of the country in war. But in proportion to the voluntary character of the service ought to be the effort to render that service pleasant, and to create every inducement to join it. And when it is perfectly understood by all who are acquainted with the character of the seaman, that his foresight is seldom directed to any other object than a place of refuge, when disease and misfortune overtake him, surely that place of refuge ought not to be wanting.

In this view, it is hoped the payment of the debt, before-mentioned, will be made, and if something were added to it, it would be justified by the consideration that the nation has not yet given one dollar to so desirable an object.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, 1st December, 1827.

## A.

## LIST OF DEATHS in the Navy of the United States, since the 2d December, 1826.

NAME AND RANK.	DATE OF DEATH.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
<i>Master Commandant.</i>			
Sidney Smith - - - -	17 May, 1827,	Unknown.	Plattsburg.
<i>Lieutenants.</i>			
Hugh Dulany - - - -	6 January, 1827,	do	Delaware Bay.
George M <sup>c</sup> Cauley - - - -	20 February, do	do	Philadelphia.
Charles A. Budd - - - -	15 March, do	do	New York.
Pardon M. Whipple - - - -	11 May, do	do	Providence.
John P. Tuttle - - - -	10 June, do	Yellow Fever.	Havana.
A. H. Hopkinson - - - -	11 August, do	Fever.	Off Milo.
Wm. B. Nicholson - - - -	15 October, do	Fever.	At Sea.
<i>Surgeons.</i>			
Robert L. Thorn - - - -	18 August, do	Bilious Fever.	Portsmouth.
John W. Peaco - - - -	23 May, do	Fever.	Savannah.

			<i>Surgeon's Mate.</i>			
Thomas J. Bradner	-	-	23 August,	do	In a duel,	Rio de Janeiro.
			<i>Purser.</i>			
Thomas Shields	-	-	Unknown.		Unknown.	Unknown.
			<i>Chaplain.</i>			
Burgess Allison	-	-	20 February,	do	do	Trenton.
			<i>Midshipmen.</i>			
C. E. Wadsworth	-	-	8 May,	do	Drowned.	Tampico.
Alexander F. Porter	-	-	11 February,	do	Yellow Fever.	Mesurado.
Edward Worthington	-	-	18 July,	do	do	Norfolk.
			<i>Sailing Master.</i>			
S. J. Dusenberry	-	-	4 October,	do	Unknown.	New York.
			<i>Boatswains.</i>			
Edward Linscott	-	-	25 May,	do	do	Norfolk.
William Smith	-	-	7 July,	do	do	Unknown.
			<i>Sail Maker.</i>			
H. Van Voorhees	-	-	30 August,	do	do	At Sea.

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LIST—Continued.

NAME AND RANK.	DATE OF DEATH.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lieutenant of Marines.</i></p> <p>G. D. Brewerton     -     -     -</p>	<p>31 January, 1827,</p>	<p>Unknown.</p>	<p>Valparaiso.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Navy Agent.</i></p> <p>S. R. Qverton     -     -     -</p>	<p>30 August,     do</p>	<p>de</p>	<p>Pensacola.</p>



*RESIGNATIONS in the Navy of the United States, since 2d  
December, 1826.*

NAME AND RANK.	DATE OF RESIGNATION.
<i>Master Commandant.</i>	
Louis Alexis - - - -	17 September, 1827.
<i>Lieutenants.</i>	
Samuel B. Phelps - - - -	2 February, do
Thomas S. Cunningham - - - -	21 April, do
William T. Rodgers - - - -	do do
Enoch H. Johns - - - -	26 April, do
James L. Morris - - - -	10 September, do
<i>Surgeon.</i>	
John H. Gordon - - - -	22 March, do
<i>Surgeon's Mate.</i>	
William Williamson - - - -	2 November, do
<i>Midshipmen.</i>	
Stephen B. Kingston - - - -	16 December, 1826.
Crawford W. Hall - - - -	16 January, 1827.
William J. Wiswall - - - -	7 February, do
Francis S. Key - - - -	12 do do
Solomon D. Betton - - - -	16 do do
John C. Bunnet - - - -	26 March, do
Israel D. Smith - - - -	23 April, do
Thomas H. Yeatman - - - -	12 June, do
John Weems - - - -	20 do do
James Bradford - - - -	25 do do
Joseph S. Cornwell - - - -	5 July, do
Joseph W. Jarvis - - - -	14 do do
John T. Wallace - - - -	27 do do
Thomas Dimmock - - - -	7 August, do
Archibald M. Green - - - -	19 October, do
John Young - - - -	do do
Charles V. Morris - - - -	20 do do
Christopher N. Greene - - - -	23 do do
Andrew M. Irwin - - - -	3 November, do

NAME AND RANK.	DATE OF RESIGNATION.
<i>Midshipmen.</i>	
James W. Crenshaw - - -	6 November, 1827.
William H. Alexander - - -	10 do do
<i>Sailing Masters.</i>	
Philip S. Meyer - - -	10 September, do
Nathaniel Stoodly - - -	6 April, do
<i>Gunner.</i>	
Thomas Stanley - - -	19 November, do
<i>Sail Maker.</i>	
Richard Reynolds - - -	8 June, do

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*DISMISSIONS from the Navy of the United States, since the  
2d December, 1826.*

NAME AND RANK.	DATE OF DISMISSION.
<i>Lieutenant.</i>	
James E. Legaré - - -	17 May, 1827.
<i>Midshipman.</i>	
John Q. A. Boyd - - -	5 November, 1827.

## B.

*Copy of a letter from Lieut. Isaac M'Keever to the Secretary of the Navy, dated*

UNITED STATES' SCHOONER SHARK,  
*Long Island Sound, 4th October, 1827.*

After leaving Eastport, on the 3d of August, we proceeded on our cruise, passing through the Straits of Canso, touching at the Magdalen Islands, and nearly all the principal fishing rendezvous on the north coast of Newfoundland, and along the shores of Labrador; from Esquimaux Bay, northwardly, as far as the Bay of Sandwich, where we arrived the latter part of August, and finding that the few of our vessels that took their fish to the northward of Belle Isle, had left, we remained only a few days at Greedy harbor, and bent our course again to the southward, stopping a second time at some of the principal harbors, and at others we had not visited on our way to the northward. The Black islands or Greedy harbor, was, some years ago, a very considerable resort of our fishermen; this season, only one vessel took her fish there, and some five or six others at the neighbouring islands; indeed, from the Straits of Belle Isle, north, the British occupy the best fishing ports, where they have large permanent establishments for curing fish; and although our countrymen meet with civil treatment at these places, they prefer situations more exclusively their own, and have, in consequence, of late years, and this season more especially, confined themselves, in a great measure, along the coast of Labrador, from Esquimaux Bay to Cape Charles; the far greater number, even of these, who do not carry their fish home in salt, cure them at Bradore or the Bay of Ledges, one of the best situations on the whole coast for this purpose; here eight or ten of our merchant vessels took cargoes of cured fish for the Mediterranean and South America.

Not many of our fishermen have frequented the north coast of Newfoundland, for some years past, under an impression that they would be expelled by the French. I have, however, not heard of the slightest interruption from any of their national vessels. In one or two instances, the French fishermen themselves have evinced some disposition to debar ours from a participation in the fisheries of certain districts, where they have fixed establishments; but I could not ascertain that they had ever resorted to force. I speak of this year more particularly. When we reached the coast, the second week in August, the few of our vessels that took their fish there, had left; the fishing season commencing and finishing sooner than on the Labrador coast.

At different periods within the last two years, the French have suffered severe depredations upon many of their establishments, by some British fishermen, to such an extent as to have called forth a proclamation on the subject, from his excellency the Lieutenant Governor of

Newfoundland. This circumstance, perhaps, may have tended to exasperate them against our own fishermen, from a belief that they were concerned in the robberies; but I am happy to say, so far as I have been able to ascertain, they have not been in any instance engaged in these or other trespasses.

A French national schooner was on the coast of Newfoundland a short time before our arrival, and the British brig Contest was cruising to the northward of Belle Isle: these were the only foreign vessels of war in those waters, neither of which we met. The season has been uncommonly boisterous, so much so as to have interfered a good deal with taking fish; but as the high winds disperse the usual dense fogs, it was more propitious to curing them. The season in consequence was sooner over, and almost all our vessels were on their return to the United States, by or before the middle of September, when we left the Straits of Belle Isle, and those from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and Chalur bay, followed soon after through the Straits of Canso, whence we sailed on the 28th ultimo.

The fisheries have not, upon the whole, proven very abundant this year, but it appears that our countrymen have been generally more successful than either the British or French. The latter, it is supposed, are becoming less active and enterprising than they were some years past, and the former have suffered very severely at many of their establishments, from the typhus fever, whilst ours have been comparatively healthy.

It is with regret, Sir, I have to add, that on our way to the northward, in the bay of Chedebucto, we got on a dangerous rock, near the harbor of Arichat, the existence of which was unknown to the pilot, or if known, he was entirely mistaken about its position; owing, however, to the weather being moderate, we got off ten hours after we struck, without other damage than roughing the copper a little; and in a heavy gale at Greedy harbor, we parted two cables, lost the stream anchor, and having broken the arm off one of the bowers, it became necessary to procure another anchor, which I did at Anec au Longue, upon moderate terms.

C.

*Copy of Report by Lt. Com't. Otho Norris of the U. S. S. Shark.*

U. S. SCHOONER SHARK,

*St. Thomas, March 18th, 1827.*

SIR:—I have the honor to announce the arrival of the Shark, at this place, in 34 days from Cape Mesurado, Africa, from whence she sailed on the 13th February.

I sailed from the Chesapeake on the 30th November, 1826, for Mesurado, agreeably to an order of the 3d inst. from the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, and arrived there on the 12th January. I communicated immediately with Mr. Ashmun, the acting Agent, and found the colony to be in perfect security. After taking in water, I received Mr. Ashmun on board, and proceeded to leeward as far as Trade Town, for the purpose of settling a misunderstanding that existed between the people of that place and the American settlements, which was amicably adjusted.

Having heard that a slaver had landed a cargo at Little Bassa, about 40 miles from Mesurado, I proceeded to that place, on the 29th January—while off there, gave chase to a small schooner, which, after a run of 10 hours, I overhauled; she proved to be the slaver, was under French colors, and armed with one brass pivot gun, and a crew of 17 Frenchmen. Her papers not appearing very regular, I detained her during the night, in order to examine her more minutely. At day-light next morning, fell in with a French brig of war, who took possession of the schooner, and sent her to Goree. No other slaver has been on that part of the coast extending from Cape Mount to Trade Town, for a long time. The piratical brig that robbed the American vessel in Mesurado Roads, in August last, was captured in December, by an English cruiser. From all that I could learn, while on the coast, it appears that the slave trade is nearly extinct: at least on that part of the coast between Cape Mount and Trade Town. It gives me pleasure to state, that the colony is in a very flourishing condition, the people contented and healthy, and the neighboring tribes friendly.

I have the honor to be,

Your ob't. servant,

[Signed]

OTHO NORRIS.

To Com. CHARLES RIDGELY,  
*Commanding U. S. Naval Forces in the West Indies, Gulf  
of Mexico, &c.*

D.

*J. Ashmun to the Secretary of the Navy.*

CAPE MESURADO, *February 10th, 1827.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by the U. S. schooner Shark, of letters from the Navy Department, of the 10th and 15th of August, 1826, addressed to Dr. Peaco, and one of the 4th November to myself. Three long twelve pound guns, with their

carriages and fixtures complete, and a quantity of ammunition, all receipted for to Mr. Norris, have also been delivered to us in good order from the same vessel.

Of the communications hereby acknowledged, that of the 10th of August seems to demand of me a few explanatory remarks, in order to present in a clearer light, if not to justify certain parts of my conduct, to which that letter particularly relates, as having led to the liberation and removal to this place, of 173 Africans, found in different slaving establishments in the neighborhood, which, for reasons formerly stated at length, it became necessary, in my judgment, to break up.

These Africans, thrown upon my hands in consequence of events which it may not be necessary here to recapitulate, were, at the date of my letters, without protection or the means of subsistence. It was my impression, at the time, that the benevolent provisions of the act of Congress of March 3d, 1819, might, by a liberal, but just construction, be extended to these unfortunate beings. The first act, therefore, in relation to them, for which, as U. S. Agent, I consider myself accountable, was the placing them on this provision, until the determination of the executive in regard to their right to it, should have been formed and signified to me; and in order to enable the executive properly to estimate their claims to the protection and aid, for which their situation so strongly appealed to the best feelings of humanity, I gave, in my several communications from the 14th October, to the 8th December, 1825, inclusive, an exact and circumstantial narrative of all the events concerned in placing them in that situation.

This narrative appears, to me, plainly to show that the agent of the colony of Liberia, acting for the defence, safety, and welfare of the little community over which he presided, and within the limits of the laws of nations and of nature, being assisted by the forces of that colony, and at its expense, had effected the liberation of these people, and offered them for acceptance at the agency for re-captured Africans. And at this period and stage of the transactions, your agent, as already observed, fixes the date of his own responsibility.

In exact accordance with this view of the proper line of conduct to be observed by the U. S. Agent, was the part I acted, in the liberation and ulterior disposal of the fifty-three slaves who fell into my hands, at Trade Town, on the 13th and 14th of April, 1826. Having brought them to Mesurado on the 17th of April, 1826, I found myself relieved of the responsibility of placing them on the funds of the agency, by the presence of Dr. Peaco, the U. S. Agent, then very recently arrived from America. As Agent of the Colonial Society, for their colony, in which capacity I had acted in effecting their liberation, I offered them to the acceptance of the U. S. Agent, and they were received. Dr. Peaco's responsibility in relation to these fifty-three persons, surely could not have commenced previously to his signature of the receipt which took them out of the hands of the Colonial Agent, and placed them on the provisions made for re-captured Africans. But

this act was subsequent to, and independent of all those transactions which had led to their liberation.

And, were not the three preceding cases, in every thing affecting the responsibility of the U. S. Agent, exactly similar? And, if it is apparent that Dr. Peaco's responsibility in relation to the Trade Town Africans began when he admitted them to the asylum for re-captured Africans, and is limited to that act and its consequences; do I ask any thing unreasonable, or of doubtful justice, when I request that my own responsibility, in relation to the Poor river, and St. Paul's African, may be limited and estimated by the same rule?

That this was the view in which I constantly acted, is further evident from another circumstance, which appears not to have sufficiently explained itself in my letters to the Department; I refer to my omission to report to it in detail, the circumstances of the Trade Town expedition. Having acted in the capacity of Colonial Agent in that affair, my report was, of consequence, addressed to the Board of Direction of the Colony, who had a right to require it. Had Dr. Peaco required any exposition of those transactions, tending to show under what circumstances the fifty-three Africans came to be offered to his acceptance, as a document which he might transmit to his government in justification of his act in receiving them at the agency, it would most cheerfully have been furnished him. And if hereafter required by him, it shall still be furnished.

Should the executive concur in this view of the transactions preceding the admission of these persons to the agency, the only questionable part of my own and Dr. Peaco's official conduct, would be that of unfortunately erring in our judgment as to the right of the 173 Africans liberated since the 14th, inclusive, of October last, to the provision of the act of Congress of March 3d, 1819. But such, in my opinion, was the strength of the palliating, and even justifying inducements to commit this error, which the circumstances of the Africans presented, that, should it involve me in any pecuniary loss whatever, I shall apply, so far as I am concerned, to the equity of Congress, for relief.

The preceding statement exhibits that simple view of my conduct as agent for re-captured Africans, by which I desire to have it judged.

There are two other instances of my conduct as U. S. Agent somewhat implicated in those transactions, the mention of which I have reserved to this place, and which, I trust, will not be regarded as affecting, materially, the view already submitted.

Two of the liberated Africans were, in the latter part of October, 1825, seduced from the agency, and resold to Millot and Poussin, at Mammas, on the St. Paul's. These persons I demanded, formally and repeatedly, and they were as peremptorily and often refused to be delivered up. On the 8th of December, I, therefore, as United States Agent, retook them by force.

In the month of December, 1825, and January, 1826, from five to eight of the liberated Africans were resold, and detained under exactly parallel circumstances, by a Spanish slaver. (whose vessel has since

been condemned at Goré, as a pirate, for acts committed at the very same time ; this act of kidnapping and detaining the Africans making one of those charges,) after being several times exactly identified and demanded. Two of them I also retook by force, on the 13th and 14th of April. The others had been conveyed beyond my reach. These two acts were contemporaneous, and, certainly, otherwise very closely united with other acts, for the performance of which I derived my authority, not from the instructions of the government of the United States, but from my situation as Agent of the Colonial Society for the colony of Liberia: but they were acts to which I regarded myself impelled, in order to a faithful discharge of the trust reposed in me, as Agent of the U. S. for re-captured Africans.

In obedience to your instructions contained in the same letter of the 10th of August, I have discharged from the agency the whole number of Africans liberated since the month of October, (inclusive), 1825.

In discharging this duty, it affords me some satisfaction that I am able to state, that since their connexion with the agency commenced, they have been under a system of discipline and instruction, which cannot fail to prove, to many of them, substantially and permanently beneficial. Sixty of the adults have been within that time married, and are realizing the advantages of that institution as recognized by Christians. Sixty of the children (35 boys and 25 girls) have been for six months at an excellent school, and are apprenticed in the same number of the most respectable families of the colony.

The adults form a settlement by themselves, four miles above Monroe, on a tract of excellent lands, devoted by the colony to persons in their situation, and to the re-captured Africans, as they come to be settled within its limits, and adopt the usages of civilized life. The union of these people with the American colonists, seems to be too strongly cemented ever to be dissolved: and the habits of regular industry to which they have been so many months in constant training, it is hoped, will furnish them with the necessaries, and ultimately with the comforts of life.

All the re-captured Africans sent to this country by the government of the United States, have passed out of the agency, and now sustain the character of colonists, and either actually possess the same quantity of lands and civil rights enjoyed by emigrants from the United States, or are in a state of apprenticeship to colonists, with the same rights and grant of lands in reversion at the expiration of their respective terms.

It has been deemed expedient to construct, at Thompson Town, no more houses, after the present time, for the reception of re-captured Africans, or their agents, and to transfer two of the large frames prepared for that town, to the tract of lands already mentioned, as permanently appropriated to the agency, situated on the Stockton Creek, four miles above Monroe, and three below Caldwell, the two principal settlements of the American colony. The accompanying engraved map will indicate this position. These lands extend half a mile along the S. E. bank of the Stockton, and two miles back, and are not ex-



ceeded in fertility or susceptibility of easy cultivation, by any in the colony.

A spacious and well finished house, of two stories, is erected on the site designated for the village, for the residence of the superintendent, or an agent, together with two ranges, of a single story, for the Africans. To these last are now adding the frames originally intended for Thompson Town, all of which together will furnish ample accommodations for 140 to 160 Africans. The people expected from the United States are to be provided with neat log cabins. The whole of these buildings I shall endeavor either to have completed, or in a state of great forwardness, before quitting the coast, on my intended visit in the spring ensuing to the United States.

The construction of these houses, together with the services of a laboring nature, require the constant employment of a large number of native laborers, although singly exceedingly moderate, will, in the aggregate, prove a charge on the agency of a considerable amount. But I consider it as one which cannot be dispensed with, without discontinuing the buildings.

The liberated Africans being discharged from the agency, the services of Anthony D. Williams in the capacity of their superintendent, can no longer, I am sensible, remain a charge on the United States. But his services, as superintendent of the common laborers employed on the buildings and improvements going forward in the new African town, "are, in my opinion, absolutely necessary." And the propriety of employing him in this service, is heightened by the circumstance that all these laborers are selected from the liberated Africans lately discharged from his care as superintendent of re-captured Africans. These people can be better managed, and made much more useful under his direction, than that of any other person in my power to select. This arrangement I conceive to be necessary to keep up, at least during Dr. Peaco's absence.

In the accompanying abstract of the accounts of the agency, from 10th August, 1826, I beg leave to explain—

That the schooners, having been framed and sent out, with their sails, equipments, &c. from the United States, by the Government, I have supposed were intended to be completed, and sailed for the use, and at the expense of, the agency.

That the public buildings and fortifications, in the uses and advantages of which the agency directly participates, may also be placed among the objects on which some expense may be incurred on account of the agency, and that, owing to the nature, design, and place of the agency, a large scope of incidental expenses is obliged to be admitted.

One of the two schooners, sent out in frames from the United States, has been completed and in service, since the month of November last. The other, owing to the death of the master boat-builder, advances very slowly, and will not be afloat for several months to come. The former, called the Catharine, carries a brass 6lb. gun, on a revolving frame, besides small arms, and proves a formidable means

of protection against the little pirates of the coast, besides its utility in transporting rice and other commodities, useful to the agency and settlements, from distant places, and uniting the whole chain of our establishments, situated on the seaboard, into one.

In closing my letter, by this conveyance, it is due to the zeal of Lt. Norris, to acknowledge the important service rendered the establishment by the vessel under that gentleman's command. I have, also, to state my determination to return to the United States, by the very first opportunity which shall offer after the sailing of the Shark. The state of the agency and settlement, generally, is at present particularly favorable to the accomplishment of this intention. I expect to arrive in Washington early in June.

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*Dr. George P. Todson, United States' Agent, to the Secretary of the Navy.*

MESURADO, August 29th, 1827.

By the schooner Eclipse, which is expected to leave Mesurado this evening for Philadelphia, I have the honor to announce the safe arrival at Mesurado, on the 21st instant, of all the liberated Africans transported in the ship Norfolk, with the exception of three, (two adults and one child,) one afflicted with pulm. consumption, another with palsy; the child with cholera infantum; all in a hopeless state before the departure of the ship from Savannah: they died on the passage. The others, in number 143, of whom two were born on board of the Norfolk, have all, excepting three, been delivered to Mr. Ashmun; and arrangements have been made, as will be seen from the enclosed copy, to place them for one year in families among the colonists, who are to furnish them with clothing and subsistence, and in some cases with a small compensation, for their services; at the expiration of that time they are to receive land, and to be placed in a situation that may enable them to provide for their own future support.

By the charter party it is stipulated that the owners of the Norfolk shall land all the public property at Mesurado; but, in order to overcome the numerous obstacles and dangers which the unfavourable season and the shores of Mesurado present to the landing of even small boats, and to accelerate and afford great safety to the landing of the public property, and to prevent the expense of demurrage to the United States, it has been thought advisable to employ, on the part of the agency, some of the natives known here by the appellation of "Crow Men," who possess considerable skill in that business. The expense, it is agreed on by Capt. Harding, of the Norfolk, and by the Agent, Mr. Ashmun, and myself, shall be equally divided between, and defrayed by the owners of the vessel and the United States. Every exertion is made, and will be continued on the part of the agency, to place the pub-

lic property in the safest, the least expensive, and the most speedy manner, on shore; and it is hoped that, with a strict adherence to the arrangement on the part of the captain, the whole of the public property in ten days more will be landed. It is, however, apprehended that the property shipped by the owners and the captain of the Norfolk, and intended to be disposed of at Mesurado, will cause some delay to the departure of the vessel; and that her return to the United States will be much later than is expected, in consequence of the considerable detention that vessels, stopping at the Cape de Verd Islands to take in a cargo of salt, as is the intention of Capt. H., are said at this season of the year to experience. When I arrived, Mr. Ashmun was severely afflicted with a catarrhal affection, from which, however, I am happy to state, he is now recovering. From the propriety of the conduct of the liberated Africans while on board, and since their arrival here, I regard their arrival as one of the most fortunate events to themselves and the colony, and one that has already produced the strongest proof, how sensible these liberated Africans are of the benefits conferred on them by the government of the United States, in breaking their chains and placing them on the shores of their native country, with the blessings of liberty and civilization. Numerous applications for my professional services have been made since my arrival by colonists, as well as by Africans formerly transported. Here and at Stockton, at six miles from Monrovia, I have seen a great number of patients in the most deplorable state for want of medical and surgical assistance, most of which are chronic affections. Impressed with a belief that this season, however dreaded by the natives and colonists, presents much less danger to passengers arriving from the United States, or Europe, than the dry season, I have taken great interest and pleasure in endeavoring to be useful to the sick, and the continuance of my own health, and the convalescence of those who placed themselves under my care, have not given me cause to regret what has been repeatedly called great imprudence, viz: visiting at all times those who desired and required my services. Four of the liberated Africans have been constantly employed by the captain, and done ship's duty during the voyage. They have received no compensation excepting a greater allowance of water and provision, approaching to that of the ship.



## TERMS

*On which the re-captured Africans will be placed in the families of Colonists, and at service in Monroe and Caldwell.*

### FIRST CLASS.

*Laboring Men, having wives, and not Mechanics.*—Man and wife not to be separated; comfortable and sufficient provisions to be found them; quarters to be provided them, dry, and capable of

being kept perfectly clean, and they are to receive, as their wants require it, a sufficient supply of decent clothing, suited to the climate and to their employments; one month's provision shall be furnished them, also the materials for one cheap suit of clothing, at the public charge, and no more. Terms of contracting their services on the above conditions: Twelve calendar months' wages for the pair; seven bars of good assorted merchandise, or three and a half dollars in merchantable country produce per month; one fourth part monthly, three-fourths at the year's end.

SECOND CLASS.

*Mechanics.*—The above terms and conditions all to hold, except wages, which are to be \$8 per month.

THIRD CLASS.

*Laboring Single Men.*—The same terms as the preceding classes, except wages, which are \$2 50 per month.

FOURTH CLASS.

*Laboring Single Women, above eighteen years of age.*—The same terms, &c. except wages, which are to be \$1 per month.

FIFTH CLASS.

*Single Girls under 18.*—Same terms, except that the first month is a period of probation; the term of service shall be until eighteen years of age, and no pecuniary compensation allowed; but the girls shall be caused to attend Sunday school and divine worship on Sundays, and treated with the tenderness and care of members of the families they are connected with.

SIXTH CLASS.

*Boys not grown.*—Same terms as the preceding; term of service, say three years, or until 21 years of age.

*General additions to the preceding.*

No re-captured Africans engaged on the terms above specified, are to be sent into the country to sit down, for trade or other purposes, unless, or longer than; attended by their guardians; nor are they to be permitted to straggle off, and waste their time in idleness among the country people, without suitable means to recover them.

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**EXPENDITURES** under the Appropriation for the Prohibition of the Slave Trade, in accounts settled between 1st January and 24th November, 1827.

DATE OF SETTLEMENT.	ACCOUNT SETTLED.	TO WHOM PAID.	PURPOSES.	TOTAL.
1827. January 25.	J. B. Winn, late Special Agent -	Sundries - - -	Rope, duck, cable, guns, repairs on schooner Augusta, provisions, tobacco, charter of a schooner, pay of the Augusta's crew, making clothes, burying dead, &c. - - -	
March 14.	J. W. Peaco, Special Agent -	J. W. Peaco - - - Ditto - - - Ditto - - - Sundries - - -	Salary from Jan. 1, 1826, to Feb. 28, 1827, at \$ 1,600 - Expenses on extra service at Sierra Leone - - - Outfit to Africa - - - - - Provisions, powder, cutlasses, iron, steel, beads, pipes, labor, &c. - - - - -	\$ 1,866 67 301 11 500 00 5,505 87
April 19.	J. Nicholson, Marshal E. Dist. La.	- - - - -	Bounty, subsistence, clothing, medicine, &c. for 15 Africans, illegally brought into the port of New Orleans on board of the schooner Fell's Point, on the 1st of July, 1825 - -	8,173 65
June 30.	J. M. Berrien, proc. for J. Jackson	- - - - -	Bounty on 150 Africans imported in the Ramirez, at \$ 25 -	5,442 22
July 12.	W. Loyall, Dep. Mar. Norfolk -	- - - - -	Maintenance, &c. of 12 Africans (from March 17 to May 4, 1827,) imported into New Orleans, and brought to Norfolk for transportation to Africa - - - - -	3,750 00
July 12.	Nathaniel Currier, Jailer, Norfolk	- - - - -	Jail fees for six Africans brought from New Orleans to Norfolk, for transportation to Africa, - - - - -	251 40
July 16.	J. Beatty, N. Agent - - -	Sweetser & Co. - - -	Pipes - - - - -	71 04
July 25.	John Hodges - - - - -	- - - - -	Medicine and attendance at Fort Norfolk, on Africans sent from New Orleans to Norfolk for transportation to Africa - - - - -	33 33
August 1.	G. Harrison, N. Agent - - -	Gusse and Korekhoan - Brown and Lewis - Frederick Brown -	Beads - - - - - Sheeting - - - - - Medicine - - - - -	35 00 262 26 145 19
Sept. 12.	J. H. Morel, Marshal, Georgia -	- - - - -	Collecting and embarking 134 Africans on board of the transport ship Norfolk for Africa, July 1827 - - -	442 45
Sept. 22.	Samuel Peaco, Jr. - - - - -	- - - - -	Services as clerk to the African agency, from April 13 to June 25, 1827, at \$ 25 per month - - - - - Travelling expenses from Annapolis to Norfolk - - -	335 00 60 00 40 35
			Forward,	100 35
				<u>\$22,018 43</u>

EXPENDITURES, &c.—Continued.

DATE OF SETTLEMENT.	ACCOUNT SETTLED.	TO WHOM PAID.	PURPOSES.	TOTAL.
1827.			Brought forward	\$ 22,018 43
October 4.	M. King, Nav. Agent	Sundries	Boards, nails, locks anchors, canvass, cooking utensils, earthen ware, hospital stores, provisions, tobacco, stationary, board of Africans, and transportation, &c.	3,886 50
November 3.	Jehudi Ashmun, Agent		Salary from January 1 to March 21, 1826, at \$ 1,500 per ann. and from March 22, 1826, to October 31, 1827, at \$ 1,200 per ann.	\$ 2,270 83
		Sundries	Provisions, tobacco, clothing, carpenters' work, powder, tools, trade goods, lumber, boilers, kettles, candles, soap, labor, &c.	12,282 82
				14,553 65
				<u>\$ 40,458 53</u>

Advances to debit of J. W. Peaco	\$ 2,533 33
James Laurie	150 00
George P. Todson	350 00
Frederick Lewis	150 00
J. B. Winn	412 72
Samuel Bacon	1,386 92
	<u>\$ 4,982 97</u>

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
FOURTH AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Nov. 26, 1827.

*EXPENDITURES by Richard Dashiell, Lieutenant Commanding, and by Midshipman Richard R. McMullin, successor in the command of the schooner Augusta, allowed in settlement of their accounts, and carried to the debit of pay and contingent expenses, viz.*

Paid officers and crew of the schooner Augusta, between the 21st of March and 3d of November, 1823	\$ 1,850 94
Paid board and lodging, nursing, medicine, &c. for sick; cabin furniture; premium for recruiting; passage of two officers to the United States, and travelling expenses	495 25
	<u>\$ 2,346 19</u>

## QUALIFERA



*Estimate of the sum required for the support of the Agency on the coast of Africa, and the prohibition of the Slave Trade.*

For the salaries of the principal and assistant Agents	-	\$2,500
Medicines and hospital stores	- - - - -	500
Lumber and other materials to complete the buildings		1,000
Incidental expenses connected with the Agency		5,700
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		\$10,000
To provide for any captures which may be made during the year	- - - - -	30,000
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		\$40,000

## E.

## NAVY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

15th November, 1827.

SIR: The Commissioners of the Navy have the honor to enclose herewith, in compliance with your directions, an estimate for the expenses of the Navy for the year 1828, marked A, together with statements explanatory thereof, marked B, C, D, E, F, and G, and an estimate for the expenses of this office for the ensuing year, marked H.

The 8th item of the general estimate, of one hundred and five thousand dollars, will be required to complete the improvements and repairs at the several Navy Yards, agreeably to the estimate transmitted from this office on the 9th November, 1826, as explained in the paper marked H, which accompanied that estimate, and to which the Commissioners respectfully refer you.

When the Commissioners appointed for the improvement, &c. of Navy Yards, under the act of the last session of Congress, for the gradual improvement of the Navy, shall have made their report, a further estimate in detail will accordingly be prepared and submitted. The Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the several balances which may remain on the books of the Treasury on the 1st day of January, 1828, to the credit of the enumerated contingent funds, prior to that date, may be carried to the credit of that fund for the year 1828, to which all claims chargeable thereto may be charged, whether arising during the year 1828 or not. All which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

HON. SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

[A.]

## GENERAL ESTIMATE.

There will be required for the Navy, during the year 1828, three million forty-three thousand six hundred and ninety-seven dollars and seventy-five cents, in addition to the unexpended balances that may remain on hand on the 1st January, 1828.

1st. For pay and subsistence of officers, and pay of seamen, other than those at navy yards, shore stations, and in ordinary,	\$1,176,213 00
2d. For pay, subsistence, and allowances of officers, and pay of seamen at navy yards, shore stations, hospitals, and in ordinary,	185,032 35
3d. For pay of superintendents, naval constructor, and all the civil establishment at the several navy yards and stations,	59,102 50

4th. For provisions, - - - -	\$505,000 00
5th. For repairs of vessels in ordinary, and for wear and tear of vessels in commission, - - -	475,000 00
6th. For medicines, surgical instruments, and hospi- tal stores, - - - -	27,000 00
7th. For ordnance and ordnance stores, - -	50,000 00
8th. For repairs and improvements of navy yards,	105,000 00
9th. For arrearages prior to 1st January, 1828, -	15,000 00
10th. For completing the construction and equip- ment of the sloops of war authorized by act of Congress of 3d March, 1825, - - - -	201,350 00
11th. For defraying the expenses that may accrue during the year 1828, for the following purposes, viz: For freight and transportation of materials and stores of every description; for wharfage and dockage, store- age, and rent, travelling expenses of officers, and trans- portation of seamen, house rent, chamber money and fuel, and candles to officers other than those attached to navy yards and shore stations, and for officers in sick quarters where there is no hospital; for commissions, clerk hire, office rent, stationary and fuel to navy agents; for premiums and incidental expenses of re- cruiting; for apprehending deserters; for compensation of judge advocates; for per diem allowances to per- sons attending courts martial and courts of inquiry, and to officers engaged on extra service beyond the li- mits of their stations; for printing and for stationary of every description, and for books, maps, charts, nautical and mathematical instruments, chronometers, models, and drawings; for purchase and repair of steam and fire engines, and for machinery; for purchase and mainte- nance of oxen and horses, and for carts, wheels, and workmen's tools of every description; for postage of letters on public service; for pilotage; for cabin furni- ture of vessels in commission; for taxes on navy yards and public property; for assistance rendered to public vessels in distress; for incidental labor at navy yards, not applicable to any other appropriation; for coal and other fuel for forges, foundries, and steam en- gines; for candles, oil, and fuel for vessels in commis- sion and in ordinary; for repairs of magazines and pow- der houses; for preparing moulds for ships to be built; and for no other object or purpose whatever, -	240,000 00
12th. For contingent expenses for objects arising in the year 1828, and not herein enumerated, - -	5,000 00

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\$ 3,043,697 75

[ B. ]

*ESTIMATE of the Pay and Subsistence of all persons of the Navy, attached to vessels in commission for the year 1828.*

NUMBER OF EACH CLASS.	Ships of the line.	Frigates.		Sloops.		Schooners.	Total of each grade.	Amount of pay and subsistence.	
		First Class.	Sec. Class.	First Class.	Sec. Class.			Dolls.	Cts.
	1	4	2	9	3	4	No.		
Captains, . . . . .	2	4	2	1	•	•	9	20,290	00
Masters Commandant, . . . . .	•	•	•	8	3	•	11	12,938	75
Lieutenants commanding, . . . . .	•	•	•	•	•	4	4	3,860	00
Lieutenants, . . . . .	10	24	10	36	12	12	104	78,390	00
Masters, . . . . .	2	4	2	9	3	•	20	13,250	00
Pursers, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	4	23	15,237	50
Surgeons, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	•	19	14,867	50
Surgeon's Mates, . . . . .	4	8	4	9	3	4	32	18,987	50
Chaplains, . . . . .	1	4	2	•	•	•	7	4,637	50
Midshipmen, . . . . .	34	96	40	108	30	16	324	73,872	00
Secretaries, . . . . .	1	3	•	•	•	•	4	4,000	00
Schoolmasters, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	•	•	16	6,260	00
Clerks, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	4	23	6,900	00
Boatswains, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	•	19	6,293	75
Gunners, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	4	23	7,618	75

Carpenters, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	.	19	6,293 75	
Sailmakers, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	.	19	6,293 75	
Boatswain's Mates, . . . . .	6	12	6	18	6	8	56	12,768 00	
Gunner's Mates, . . . . .	3	8	4	9	3	.	27	6,156 00	
Carpenter's Mates, . . . . .	3	8	4	9	3	4	31	7,068 00	
Sailmaker's Mates, . . . . .	2	4	2	9	.	4	21	4,788 00	
Quarter Masters, . . . . .	12	36	18	45	12	16	139	30,024 00	
Quarter Gunners, . . . . .	20	48	20	54	18	12	172	37,152 00	
Yeomen, . . . . .	3	12	6	27	9	4	61	13,176 00	
Captain's Stewards, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	4	23	4,968 00	
Captain's Cooks, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	.	19	4,104 00	
Coopers, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	.	19	4,104 00	
Armorer's, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	.	19	4,104 00	
Armorer's Mates, . . . . .	2	1	1	.	.	4	8	1,440 00	
Masters at Arms, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	.	19	4,104 00	
Ship's Corporals, . . . . .	4	8	4	.	.	.	16	2,688 00	
Cooks, . . . . .	1	4	2	9	3	4	23	4,968 00	
Masters of the Bands, . . . . .	1	4	2	.	.	.	7	1,512 00	
Musicians, first class, . . . . .	6	16	6	.	.	.	28	4,032 00	
Musicians, second class, . . . . .	5	12	4	.	.	.	21	2,520 00	
Seamen, . . . . .	280	600	240	540	150	56	1866	268,704 00	
Ordinary Seamen, . . . . .	260	680	260	450	120	40	1810	217,200 00	
Boys, . . . . .	40	60	20	90	30	17	257	18,504 00	
	Total,							5318	\$954,074 75

[C.]

*ESTIMATE of the Pay and Rations, and all other allowances of Officers, and all others at the Navy Yards and Stations, for the year 1828.*

PORTSMOUTH.	Number.	Pay, per month.	Rations, per day.	House rent, per annum.	Candles, per annum.	Cords of wood, per annum.	Servants, at		Pay, rations, and allowances, &c. per annum.	Aggregate.
							\$ 8	\$ 6		
<b>NAVAL.</b>										
Captain - - -	1	100	16	-	65	30	3	-	3,466 75	12,401 00
Master Commandant - - -	1	60	5	300	40	20	2	-	2,010 75	
Lieutenant - - -	1	40	3	-	20	20	1	-	1,081 00	
Master - - -	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Surgeon - - -	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Purser - - -	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Midshipmen - - -	2	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	638 50	
Boatswain - - -	1	20	2	-	12	9	-	1	651 75	
Gunner - - -	1	20	2	-	12	9	-	1	651 75	
Steward - - -	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
									12,401 00	
<b>ORDINARY.</b>										
* Carpenter's Mate - - -	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	319 25	
Able Seamen - - -	4	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	941 00	
Ordinary Seamen - - -	6	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	1,267 50	
									2,527 75	
<b>CIVIL.</b>										
Store-keeper - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700 00	5,400 00
Clerk to Store-keeper - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00	
Clerk to Commandant, to do duty as Clerk to Master Builder - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500 00	
Clerk to Yard - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600 00	
Master Builder - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000 00	
Porter - - -	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00	
									5,400 00	
<b>Total,</b>									20,378 75	

\* To attend particularly to vessels in ordinary, to caulk, &c.

ESTIMATE—Continued.

BOSTON.	Number.	Pay, per month.	Rations, per day.	House rent, per annum.	Candles, per annum.	Cords wood, per annum.	Servants, at			Pay, rations, allowances, &c. per annum.	Aggregate.				
							¢	¢	¢		Dolls.	Cts.			
<b>NAVAL.</b>											Dolls.	Cts.			
Captain	1	100	16	-	65	30	3	-	-	3,466	75	16,257	50		
Master Commandant	1	60	5	-	40	20	2	-	-	1,710	75				
Lieutenant	1	40	3	-	20	20	1	-	-	1,081	00				
Lieutenant	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	753	75				
Master	1	40	2	-	20	12	1	-	-	941	75				
Master	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	662	50				
Surgeon	1	50	2	-	20	20	1	-	-	1,109	75				
Surgeon's Mate	1	30	2	145	16	14	-	1	-	950	75				
Purser	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	-	1,141	75				
Chaplain	1	40	2	250	12	9	-	-	1	1,141	75				
Midshipmen	4	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,277	00				
Boatswain	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	-	1	741	75				
Gunner	1	20	2	-	12	9	-	-	1	651	75				
Steward	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	307	25				
<b>ORDINARY.</b>															
Lieutenant	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	753	75				
Master	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	662	50				
Carpenter	1	20	2	-	12	9	-	-	1	651	75				
* Carpenter's Mate	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	319	25				
Boatswain's Mate	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	319	25				
Able Seamen	14	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,293	50				
Ordinary Seamen	26	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,492	50				
<b>HOSPITAL.</b>															
Surgeon	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	-	1,309	75				
Surgeon's Mate	1	30	2	145	16	14	-	-	1	950	75				
Steward	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	307	25				
Nurses	2	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	422	50				
Washers	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	374	50				
Cooks	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	235	25				
<b>CIVIL.</b>															
Store-keeper	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700	00				
Clerk to Store-keeper	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	00				
Clerk to Yard	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	00				
Clerk to Commandant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750	00				
Clerk to Commandant	1	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	00				
Master Builder	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,300	00				
Clerk to Master Builder	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	420	00				
Inspector and Measurer of Timber	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	00				
Porter	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	00				
<b>Total,</b>															
											8,080	00			
											39,430	00			

\* To attend particularly to vessels in ordinary, to caulk, &c.

ESTIMATE—Continued.

NEW YORK.		Number.	Pay, per month.	Rations, per day.	House rent, per annum.	Candles, per annum.	Cords of wood, per annum.	Servants, at \$8.	Servants, at \$6.	Pay, rations, allowances, &c. per annum.	Aggregate.
										Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
<b>NAVAL.</b>											
Captain	-	1	100	16	-	65	30	3	-	3,466 75	
Master Commandant	-	1	60	5	300	40	20	2	-	2,010 75	
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	200	20	20	1	-	1,281 00	
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	753 75	
Master	-	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Surgeon's Mate	-	1	30	2	145	16	14	-	1	950 75	
Purser	-	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Chaplain	-	1	40	2	250	12	9	-	1	1,141 75	
Teacher of Mathematics	-	1	40	2	90	12	9	-	1	981 75	
Teacher of Languages	-	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	662 50	
Midshipmen	-	4	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	1,277 00	
Boatswain	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Gunner	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Steward	-	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
											17,910 00
<b>ORDINARY.</b>											
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	753 75	
Master	-	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	662 50	
* Carpenter	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Carpenter's Mate	-	2	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	638 50	
Boatswain's Mate	-	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	319 25	
Able Seamen	-	14	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	3,293 50	
Ordinary Seamen	-	26	40	1	-	-	-	-	-	5,492 50	
											11,901 75
<b>HOSPITAL.</b>											
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Surgeon's Mate	-	1	30	2	145	16	14	-	1	950 75	
Steward	-	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
Nurses	-	2	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	422 50	
Washers	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	374 50	
Cook	-	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	235 25	
											3,600 00
<b>CIVIL.</b>											
Store-keeper	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700 00	
Clerk to Store-keeper	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450 00	
Clerk to Yard	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900 00	
Clerk to Commandant	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750 00	
Clerk to Commandant	-	1	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	360 00	
Master Builder	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,300 00	
Clerk to Master Builder	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	420 00	
Insp. and Meas. of Timber	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900 00	
Porter	-	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00	
											8,080 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,491 75

\* To attend particularly to vessels in ordinary, to caulk, &c.



## ESTIMATE—Continued.

PHILADELPHIA.		Number.	Pay, per month.	Rations, per day.	House rent, per annum.	Candles, per annum.	Cords of wood, per annum.	Servants, at \$ 8.	Servants, at \$ 6.	Pay, rations, allowances, &c. per annum.	Aggregate.
										Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
<b>NAVAL.</b>											
Captain	-	1	100	16	600	65	30	3	-	4,066 75	
Master Commandant	-	1	60	5	300	40	20	2	-	2,010 75	
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	200	20	20	1	-	1,281 00	
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	753 75	
Master	-	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Purser	-	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Chaplain	-	1	40	2	250	12	9	-	1	1,141 75	
Boatswain	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Gunner	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Steward	-	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
										14,638 06	
<b>ORDINARY.</b>											
* Carpenter's Mate	-	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	319 25	
Able Seamen	-	4	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	941 00	
Ordinary Seamen	-	6	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	1,267 50	
										3,527 75	
<b>HOSPITAL.</b>											
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Surgeon's Mate	-	1	30	2	145	16	14	-	1	950 75	
Steward	-	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
Nurses	-	2	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	422 50	
Washers	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	374 50	
Cook	-	1	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	211 25	
										3,576 00	
<b>CIVIL.</b>											
Store-keeper	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200 00	
Clerk to Store-keeper	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00	
Clerk to Yard	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600 00	
Clerk to Commandant	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750 00	
Master Builder	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000 00	
Clerk to Master Builder	-	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00	
Insp. and Meas. of Timber	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700 00	
Porter	-	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00	
										6,150 00	
<b>Total,</b>											<b>26,891 75</b>

\* To attend particularly to vessels in ordinary, to caulk, &amp;c

ESTIMATE—Continued.

WASHINGTON.		Number.	Pay, per month.	Rations, per day.	House rent, per annum.	Candles, per annum.	Cords of wood, per annum.	Servants, at \$8.	Servants, at \$6.	Pay, rations, and allowances, per annum.	Aggregate.
										Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
<b>NAVAL.</b>											
Captain	-	1	100	16	-	65	30	3	-	3,466 75	
Master Commandant	-	1	75	6	-	40	20	2	-	1,982 00	
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	-	20	20	1	-	1,081 00	
Master	-	1	40	2	-	20	12	1	-	941 75	
Master in charge of Ordnance	-	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	662 50	
Master Keeper of Magazines	-	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	662 50	
Chaplain	-	1	40	2	250	12	9	1	1	1,141 75	
Parser	-	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Boatswain	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Gunner as Laboratory Officer	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Steward	-	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
										12,870 75	
<b>ORDINARY.</b>											
Boatswain's Mate	-	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	319 25	
*Carpenter's Mate	-	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	319 25	
Able Seamen	-	6	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	1,411 50	
Ordinary Seamen	-	8	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	1,690 00	
										3,740 00	
<b>HOSPITAL.</b>											
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Surgeon's Mate	-	1	30	2	145	16	14	-	1	950 75	
Steward	-	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
Nurses	-	1	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	211 25	
Washers	-	1	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	187 25	
Cook	-	1	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	211 25	
										3,177 50	
<b>CIVIL.</b>											
Store-keeper	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700 00	
Clerk to do	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450 00	
Clerk to Yard	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900 00	
Clerk to Commandant	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00	
Clerk to Commandant	-	1	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	480 00	
Master Builder	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,300 00	
Clerk to Master Builder	-	1	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	420 00	
Insp. and Meas. of Timber	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900 00	
Master Chain Cable and Caboose Maker	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500 00	
Machinist	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600 00	
Engineer	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	782 50	
Assistant Master Builder	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500 00	
Master Plumber	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200 00	
Porter	-	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00	
										14,032 50	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,820 75

\* To attend particularly to vessels in ordinary, to caulk, &c.

## ESTIMATE—Continued.

NORFOLK.		Number.	Pay, per month.	Rations, per day.	House rent, per annum.	Candles, per annum.	Cords of wood, per annum.	Servants, at \$8.	Servants, at \$6.	Pay, rations, and allowances, &c. per annum.	Aggregate.
										Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
<b>NAVAL.</b>											
Captain	-	1	100	16	-	65	30	3	-	3,466 75	
Master Commandant	-	1	60	5	300	40	20	2	-	2,010 75	
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	200	20	20	1	-	1,281 00	
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	753 75	
Master	-	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Surgeon's Mate	-	1	30	2	145	16	14	-	1	950 75	
Purser	-	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	1,141 75	
Chaplain	-	1	40	2	250	12	9	-	1	1,141 75	
Teacher of Mathematics	-	1	40	2	90	12	9	-	1	981 75	
Midshipmen	-	4	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	1,277 00	
Boatswain	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Gunner	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
Steward	-	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
										17,910 00	
<b>ORDINARY.</b>											
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	753 75	
Master	-	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	662 50	
*Carpenter	-	1	20	2	90	12	9	-	1	741 75	
*Carpenter's Mate	-	2	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	638 50	
Boatswain's Mate	-	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	319 25	
Able Seamen	-	14	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	3,293 50	
Ordinary Seamen	-	26	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	5,492 50	
										11,901 75	
<b>HOSPITAL.</b>											
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Surgeon's Mate	-	1	30	2	145	16	14	-	1	950 75	
Steward	-	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	307 25	
Nurses	-	2	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	422 50	
Washers	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	374 50	
Cooks	-	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	235 25	
										3,600 00	
<b>CIVIL.</b>											
Store-keeper	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700 00	
Clerk to Store-keeper	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450 00	
Clerk to Yard	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900 00	
Clerk to Commandant	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750 00	
Clerk to Commandant	-	1	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	360 00	
Master Builder	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000 00	
Clerk to Master Builder	-	1	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	420 00	
Insp. and Meas. of Timber	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900 00	
Keeper of Magazine	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	480 00	
Porter	-	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00	
										8,260 00	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,671 75

\* To attend particularly to vessels in ordinary, to caulk, &amp;c.



## ESTIMATE—Continued.

BALTIMORE.		Number.	Pay, per month.	Rations, per day.	House rent, per annum.	Candles, per annum.	Cords of wood, per annum.	Servants at \$8	Servants at \$6	Pay, rations, and allowances, per annum.	Aggregate.
Captain	-	1	100	8	300	65	30	3	-	3,036 75	\$5,762 75
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	753 75	
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Purser	-	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	662 50	
CHARLESTON, S. C.											
Captain	-	1	100	8	300	65	30	3	-	3,036 75	\$5,762 75
Lieutenant	-	1	40	3	-	-	-	-	-	753 75	
Surgeon	-	1	50	2	200	20	20	1	-	1,309 75	
Purser	-	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	662 50	
SACKETT'S HARBOR.											
Master	-	1	40	2	200	20	12	1	-	-	\$1,141 75

## RECAPITULATION.

COMPOSING THE SECOND AND THIRD ITEMS OF GENERAL ESTIMATE.

	2d item. Naval.	2d item. Ordinary.	2d item. Hospital.	3d item. Civil.	Aggregate.
Portsmouth	12,401 00	2,527 75	-	5,400 00	\$20,328 75
Boston	16,257 50	11,492 50	3,600 00	8,080 00	29,430 00
New York	17,910 00	11,901 75	3,600 00	8,080 00	41,491 75
Philadelphia	14,638 00	2,527 75	3,576 00	6,150 00	26,891 75
Washington	12,870 75	3,740 00	3,177 50	14,032 50	33,820 75
Norfolk	17,910 00	11,901 75	3,600 00	8,260 00	41,671 75
Pensacola	11,863 25	3,269 50	3,600 00	6,100 00	24,832 75
Baltimore	5,762 75	-	-	-	5,762 75
Charleston	5,762 75	-	-	-	5,762 75
Sackett's Harbor	1,141 75	-	-	-	1,141 75
Naval Constructor	-	-	-	3,000 00	3,000 00
Total, dolls.	116,517 75	47,361 00	21,153 50	59,102 50	\$244,134 75

Papers B, D, E, and F, compose the first item of General Estimate.

The Naval, Ordinary, and Hospital estimates, on paper C, make the second item.

And the Civil estimate on paper C, the third item.

Paper C explains the fourth item.



[F.]

*EXHIBIT of the Officers, &c. awaiting orders and on furlough—  
part of 1st item.*

	Captains.	Master Com- mandants.	Lieutenants.	Surgeons.	Surgeon's Mates.	Pursers.	Midshipmen.	Carpenters.	Sail Maker.	Total.
Waiting orders - -	13	7	111	12	11	8	85	2	1	\$165,097 50
Furlough - -	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	1,832 75
										<u>\$166,930 25</u>

[G.]

*ESTIMATE for Provisions required for the year 1828.*

To vessels in commission, persons, - - -	5,033
Mariners on board, - - -	749
Receiving vessels, - - -	82
	<u>5,864</u>

At one ration per day, is 2,140,360 rations, estimated at 25 cents each, is - - -	\$ 535,090 00
From which may be deducted, as a balance will probably remain on hand the present year, this sum, -	30,090 00
Total,	<u>\$505,000 00</u>

*Copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. Archibald Henderson to the Secretary of the Navy, dated*

HEAD QUARTERS OF THE MARINE CORPS,  
*Washington, 26th Sept. 1827.*

I transmit to the Department the annual estimates of the Marine Corps for the year 1828.

The arms of the corps, from long use, are entirely worn out. It has therefore been deemed necessary to include in the estimate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars for the purchase of fifteen hundred stand of arms.

On a recent visit to fortress Monroe, I made particular inquiries in relation to the utility and efficiency of Hall's rifle, and of its being particularly useful to the soldiers of the Marine Corps, on the various services on which they were employed. I had the most satisfactory assurance that this description of arms has a decided advantage over the musket, which has been heretofore used.

The principal objection to this rifle has been entirely done away, by a full experiment at that fortress.

It has been fired several thousand times, and not the slightest disorder or difficulty was experienced, though the discharge was as rapid as any service could require.

The price of each stand of arms is fixed at 14 dollars; the cost of this rifle.

I transmit with the estimates letters from the Quarter and Paymaster.



*Copy of a letter from Lieut. E. J. Weed, Quartermaster of the Marine Corps, to Lieut. Col. Archibald Henderson, dated*

HEAD QUARTERS OF THE MARINE CORPS,  
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, }  
*Washington City, 24th Sept. 1827. }*

I have the honor to submit herewith, an estimate of appropriation required for the Quartermaster's Department of the Marine Corps, for the year 1828.

The 3,098 dollars for arrearages for fuel, is rendered necessary, in consequence of this amount having been deducted from the estimate for the present year.

\$21,000 is required for re-arming the corps; the arms now in use having become entirely unfit for service, and unworthy of repair.



*Copy of a letter from Captain Joseph L. Kuhn, Paymaster of the Marine Corps, to Lieut. Col. Archibald Henderson, dated*

PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, MARINE CORPS,

*Navy Department, 22d Sept. 1827.*

You will herewith receive an estimate for the pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, and for the subsistence of officers of the United States' Marine Corps, for the year 1828.

*ESTIMATE of pay for Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Musicians, and Privates, and subsistence for the Officers of the United States' Marine Corps, for the year 1828.*

PAY.

1 Lieut. Col. Commandant, at \$75 per month,	\$	900	00
4 Lieut. Colonels,	60	do.	2,880 00
1 Paymaster,	50	do.	600 00
1 Quartermaster,	60	do.	720 00
4 Captains,	40	do.	1,920 00
23 First Lieutenants,	30	do.	8,280 00
16 Second Lieutenants,	25	do.	4,800 00
1 Surgeon,	50	do.	600 00
1 Surgeon's Mate,	40	do.	480 00
1 Sergeant Major,	10	do.	120 00
1 Quartermaster Sergeant,	10	do.	120 00
1 Drum Major,	9	do.	108 00
1 Fife Major,	9	do.	108 00
71 Sergeants,	9	do.	7,668 00
73 Corporals,	8	do.	7,008 00
20 Drummers,	7	do.	1,680 00
20 Fifers,	7	do.	1,680 00
750 Privates,	6	do.	54,000 00
Extra pay to the Adjutant and Inspector,	30	do.	360 00
Extra pay to 3 Lieut. Cols. from 3d March, 1827, to 31st Dec. 1827, at \$20 per month, \$198 33			
each, (not before appropriated for 1827,)			594 99
			<hr/> 94,626 99

## SUBSISTENCE.

1 Lieut. Col. at 6 rations, and 6 as Commandant, 4,380 rations, at 20 cents each, - -	\$876 00
4 Lieut. Cols. at 5 rations per day, is 7,300, at 20 cents, - - - -	1,460 00
1 Paymaster at 4 do do is 1,460 at do	292 00
1 Quartermaster at 4 do do is 1,460 at do	292 00
4 Captains at 3 do do is 4,380 at do	876 00
23 1st Lieutenants at 4 do do is 33,580 at do	6,716 00
16 2d Lieutenants at 3 do do is 17,520 at do	3,504 00
Surgeon at 2 do do is 720 at 25	180 00
1 Surgeon's Mate at 2 do do is 720 at do	180 00
6 additional rations per day for three Lieutenant Colonels from 3d March, 1827, to 31st Decem- ber, 1827, is 1824 rations, at 20 cents per ra- tion, (this amount not before appropriated,) 364 80	
	14,740 80

\$109,367 79

PAY MASTER'S OFFICE, MARINE CORPS,  
NAVY DEPARTMENT, 21st September, 1827.

[Signed]

JOS. L. KUHN,  
P. M. M. C.

*ESTIMATE for expenditures in the Quartermaster's Depart-  
ment of the United States' Marine Corps for the year 1828.*

## SUBSISTENCE.

For 297 non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, and washer-women, serving on shore, at one ration per day each, is 108,405 rations, at 12 cents per ra- tion, is - - - -	\$13,008 60
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## CLOTHING.

For 938 non-commissioned officers, musicians, and pri- vates, at \$30 each, is - -	\$28,140 00
For 100 watch coats, at \$6 25 cents each, is - - - -	625 00
	28,765 00

## FUEL.

For the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, and washerwomen, and for the public of- fices and armory, - - -	\$9,098 00	
Arrearage for fuel, - - -	3,098 00	
	<hr/>	12,196 00

## CONTINGENCIES.

For travelling expenses for officers and transportation for men; freight of stores from one station to an- other, toll, ferriage, wharfage, and cartage; expenses of recruiting, per diem allowance for attending courts martial, and courts of inquiry, and for officers on extra duty, compensation to judge advocates, house rent, and chamber money, where there are no public quarters assigned, incidental labor in the quar- termaster's department, expenses of burying de- ceased persons belonging to the marine corps, print- ing and stationary, postage on public letters, forage, expenses in pursuing deserters, keeping in repair the barracks at the different stations, straw for the men, barrack furniture, spades, axes, shovels, picks, and carpenter's tools, and for no other purpose what- ever, - - - -	\$13,500 00	
For sundry expenses arising in the current year, and not herein before mentioned, - - -	500 00	
	<hr/>	14,000 00

## ARMS.

For the purchase of 1500 stand of arms, with accoutre- ments complete, at \$14 each, is - - -		21,000 00
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## MILITARY STORES.

For keeping the arms in repair, armorer's pay, and ar- morer's tools and ordnance stores, - - -		3,000 00
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## MEDICINES.

For medicines, hospital stores, and instruments, for the use of the officers and marines (on shore) -		2,369 71
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\$94,339 31

HEAD QUARTERS, MARINE CORPS,  
*Quarter Master's office,*  
*Washington City, Sep. 24th, 1827.*

[Signed]

E. J. WEED,  
Q. M. M. C.

*ADDITIONAL appropriation required for the Quarter Master's  
Department, for the year 1828.*

For arrearages for fuel, quarters, travelling, court martial expenses to officers, judge advocates' fees, premium for recruiting, and other incidental expenses, from the year 1821 to 1825.	<u>\$39,244 40</u>
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HEAD QUARTERS, MARINE CORPS,  
*Quarter Master's Office,*  
*Washington, 20th October, 1827.*

E. J. WEED,  
Q. M. M. Corps.

F.

NAVY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,  
30th Nov. 1827.

SIR:—The Commissioners of the Navy have the honor to hand enclosed a statement marked A, showing the present state and condition of the vessels built and building, under laws for the gradual increase of the Navy, and for building ten sloops of war, and of those in ordinary, and that are undergoing repairs at the several navy yards.

A statement, also, marked B, is respectfully submitted, showing, in part, the progress made in executing the law for the gradual improvement of the Navy.

I have the honor to be,  
With great respect, Sir,  
Your most ob'd't. serv't.

HON. SAM'L. L. SOUTHARD,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

[A.]

*STATEMENT showing the present state and condition of the  
U. S. vessels of war now on the stocks, and those in ordinary  
and repairing, at the several Navy Yards.*

AT PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

ALABAMA 74. *A.*—Hull in good order, except some decays in her plank, masts, and spars; nearly finished, and considerable progress made in her inboard works, sails, &c.

**SANTEE 44.** *A*—Hull in good order, except some decays in her planks, masts, and spars; nearly got out, and progress made in her inboard works, sails, &c.

**CONCORD sloop.** *B*—Frame complete, and ready for planking; plank, thick stuff, beams, carlings, &c. dressed out; also stanchions, combings, gun carriages, masts, and spars, nearly finished; sails nearly complete.

#### AT BOSTON.

**VIRGINIA 74.** *A*—Hull sound and in good order; complete, except the stern to plank; masts and yards nearly complete; gun carriages partly got out; boats built; considerable progress made in inboard works, &c.

**VERMONT 74.** *A*—Hull sound and in good order, and nearly completed; masts and yards, gun carriages, boats, &c. &c. progressed in.

**COLUMBUS 74.** *A*—Hull sound and in good order; also masts and spars, except some few small spars; armament and sails in good order; her magazines, cabins, &c. require some slight repairs, and her copper requires to be examined before she could prudently be sent to sea.

**INDEPENDENCE 74.**—Her hull in good order; her magazines, platforms, waterways, &c. require some repairs; her masts and spars so defective as to require a new set; spare spars and sails in good order. Before going to sea, her copper should be examined.

**CUMBERLAND 44.** *A*—Hull sound and in good condition; planked in and outboard up to lower port sills, except eight strakes of bottom plank and of wales; masts and yards nearly got out.

**FALMOUTH sloop.** *B*—In good order; now preparing for sea.

#### AT NEW YORK.

**OHIO 74.** *A*—Outside plank much decayed from the rail to the wales, and some spots of decay inside in the plank, across the stern, in the ceiling, and gun deck clamps.

**WASHINGTON 74.**—Will require considerable repairs in her planking, top timbers, beams, and floor timbers; the copper should be examined before she goes to sea.

**FRANKLIN 74.**—Will require planking from near water's edge to the rail, and an examination of her copper.

**UNITED STATES 44.**—Will require considerable repairs in hull, and some repairs in sails, masts and spars; standing and running rigging generally in good order.

**LIBERATOR 44.** *A*—Frigate of first class, purchased, now in ordinary.

**SAVANNAH 44.** *A*—Hull sound and in good condition, except the wales, and one of the riding-bitt knees; masts and spars considerably advanced; laying the gun, spar, and birth decks, progressed in, &c.

**FAIRFIELD sloop.** *B*—Her frame prepared and raised; floors filled in and caulked, with deck beams put in, kneed, and bolted; also wales, kelson, and bilge strakes; progress made in her inboard works.

SABINE 44. *A*—Advanced to the building of the head and stern, masts and spars, &c. progressed in.

FULTON *steam frigate*.—Used as receiving ship.

PEACOCK *sloop*.—Will require new sails, and considerable repairs in hull, and standing and running rigging.

SHARK *schooner*.—Undergoing repairs.

#### AT PHILADELPHIA.

PENNSYLVANIA *ship of the line*. *A*—Planked from floor heads to upper gun deck ports; lower gun and orlop decks laid; spirketings, ceiling between ports on; stanchions up; middle gun deck beams in; ledge knees fayed and bolted; partners fitted; upper gun decks on, and beams nearly in; also spar deck, and port sills of gun decks; a great portion of her copper and iron work prepared, &c.

RARITON 44. *A*—Planked inside and out, except openings for air; decks completed, except orlop; and progress made in her inboard works.

VANDALIA *sloop*. *B*—Frame, except counter timbers, up; one-third of the wales on; beams for deck dressed out; knees sided; inboard works and sails considerably progressed in.

CYANE, *corvette*.—Requires very extensive repairs.

#### AT WASHINGTON.

POTOMAC, 44. *A*—Carpenters' work nearly done. Masts, spars, gun carriages, boats, &c. nearly complete.

COLUMBIA, 44. *A*—Wales on; breast hooks, orlops, and birth decks, and spirketings, just in; waterways, knees and breast hooks, for gun and spar decks hewed out; beams ready; cutwater and channels prepared; masts and spars progressing; gun carriages, skids, and beds roughed out, &c.

CONGRESS, 36.—Has been thoroughly repaired, and is now ready to fit for sea.

ST. LOUIS, *sloop*. *B*—Frame complete, except counter timbers—beams for birth and gun decks trimmed out—masts and spars nearly made—gun carriages roughed out, &c.

#### AT NORFOLK.

DELAWARE, 74. *A*—In good order, and about to proceed to sea.

ST. LAWRENCE, 44. *A*—Timbering complete, except the cants, filling in the floors, and fitting kelsons.

NORTH CAROLINA, 74. *A*—In good order, except her copper, which is somewhat defective, and requires examination.

NEW YORK, 74. *A*—Required to complete the hull planking of the upper and spar decks—36 strakes on lower gun, and 20 on orlop, and planking between ports, from rail to string—24 strakes in the bottom, head and galleries, &c.

GUERRIERE, 44.—Has been thoroughly repaired, and is now ready to receive a crew.

CONSTELLATION, 36.—Requires a thorough repair.

JOHN ADAMS, *corvette*.—Requires extensive repairs in her hull, sails, and rigging, and must be hove down to examine her bottom.

Live oak frames for three frigates of the 1st class, delivering under contract.

[The letters *A.* in *Italic*, denote those vessels built, and building, under gradual increase; and *B.* those building under the law of 3d March, 1825, for building ten sloops of war; five of which have been completed, and are now in service at sea.]

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[B.]

Under the act “for the gradual improvement of the Navy,” the Commissioners have had the necessary moulds prepared, and have contracted for the frames and promiscuous timber, of live oak, for

5 ships of the line,

5 frigates, and

5 sloops of war,

of the 1st class; and part of a frame for a sloop of war has been purchased.

Under the same act, scows, anchors, and driving machines, have been procured; and contracts have been made for timber for a coffer-dam, for all the earth, clay, gravel work, and labor for covering two wharves, (one 200 feet long and 60 feet wide, the other 100 feet square,) for filling the coffer-dam, filling in and backing up the dry stone quay wall; two steam-engines, pumps, boilers, machinery, &c. required for a dry dock, at Boston, and progress has been made in the construction of a coffer-dam, &c.

The Civil Engineer, employed in the construction of docks, has proceeded to Norfolk, where the materials will be procured for constructing a dock, and the work commenced as early as circumstances will admit.

Appropriated by the “Act for the gradual improvement of the Navy,” approved 3d March, 1827, . . .	\$500,000 00
Expended on account of the objects specified in the said act, . . . . .	80,978 81
Balance unexpended, 1st Dec. 1827, . . . . .	<u>\$419,021 19</u>

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HEAD QUARTERS OF THE MARINE CORPS,  
*Washington, 27th November, 1827.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this day's date, and in compliance with the direction contained in it, I transmit to you two papers, Nos. 1. and 2., showing the number of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, which, in my opinion, are necessary to form a competent guard for each navy yard, and for each vessel now in commission.

In my communications to the Department, I have heretofore assigned a smaller force to the prominent naval establishments at Boston, Norfolk, and New York. The docks about to be established at the two former yards, lead me to the conclusion, that the force I have now allotted to each of them, is, by no means, too large for the protection of the important public interests to be concentrated at them. If there should not be a dock establishment at the New York Yard, the number of vessels fitted out there, and the consequent concentration of all the materials necessary for repairing and fitting them out, render it necessary that an effective force should be stationed for its protection. I have included the Constellation frigate among the vessels in commission, under the supposition that the flag-ship on the West India station would be of her class.

It may be proper to state, that when relief squadrons are fitted out for distant seas, additional calls are made on the corps to a considerable amount, and not provided for in this statement; and which will make a deduction from the force on shore, until the return of the relieved force. I have assigned a captain to the flag-ship of each squadron.

I have appended to the statement a small force at Head Quarters. At some one of the stations there must, necessarily, be an establishment for the preservation and repair of the arms of the corps; and as there is already an armory here, I have thought the public interest would be promoted by the retention of a small force at this post. The only possible way in which the large number of musicians required for the different guards of the corps can be furnished, is by having a number of small boys bound, and educated in music, for that purpose. It would be impracticable to supply them in any other mode. This has hitherto been done at Head Quarters, and such an establishment would be required at some other post, in case this station is broken up.

I have deemed it right to recommend a field officer for each of the three large stations, and for the line of battle ship. It rests with the Government what rank to assign to the commandant of the corps, in case the views now laid before it should be adopted.

I have the honor to be,  
Very respectfully,  
Your ob't. serv't.

[Signed]

ARCH. HENDERSON  
*Lieut. Col. Commandant.*

The Hon. SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*



## No 1.

*AN ESTIMATE of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Musicians, and Privates of Marines, required for the several Vessels of the United States now in commission, viz :*

			Field Officer.	Captains.	1st Lieutenants.	2d Lieutenants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Music.	Privates.	
Delaware, -	74	-	1	2	1	4	4	4		100	
Java, -	44	-	-	1	1	3	3	2		50	
Constitution,	44	-	-	1	1	3	3	2		44	
Brandywine,	44	-	-	1	1	3	3	2		50	Flag-ship.
Macedonian,	36	-	-	1	1	3	3	2		40	do
Constellation,	36	-	-	1	1	3	3	2		40	do
John Adams,		corvette	-	-	1	-	2	2		28	
Vincennes,		sloop of war	-	-	1	-	2	2		22	
Lexington, -		do	-	-	1	-	2	2		22	
Natchez, -		do	-	-	1	-	2	2		22	
Boston, -		do	-	-	1	-	2	2		22	
Warren, -		do	-	-	1	-	2	2		22	
Peacock, -		do	-	-	1	-	2	2		22	
Ontario, -		do	-	-	1	-	2	2		20	
Erie, -		do	-	-	1	-	2	2		20	
Hornet, -		do	-	-	1	-	2	2		20	
Grampus -		schooner	-	-	-	-	1	2		10	
Shark, -		do	-	-	-	-	1	2		10	
Porpoise, -		do	-	-	-	-	1	2		10	
			1	5	13	6	42	45	34	574	

No. 2.

*AN ESTIMATE of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Musicians, and Privates, required to compose Guards at the several Navy Yards, viz:*

	Commandant.	Staff.*	Field Officers.	Captains.	1st Lieutenants.	2d Lieutenants.	Non-com. Staff.†	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Musicians.	Privates.
Head Quarters, - - -	1	3	-	1	2	2	4	10	6	8	60
Navy Yard, Washington, -	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	5	5	4	60
do New York, -	-	-	1	1	3	3	-	8	8	4	150
do Charlestown, Mass. -	-	-	1	1	3	3	-	8	8	4	150
do Philadelphia, -	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	7	7	4	100
do Norfolk, - - -	-	-	1	1	3	3	-	8	8	4	150
do Portsmouth, N. H. -	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	7	7	4	80
do Pensacola, - - -	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	8	8	4	120
	1	3	3	8	19	20	4	61	57	36	870

\* *Staff*—Adjutant and Inspector, Quartermaster, Paymaster.

† *Non-commissioned Staff*.—Sergeant Major, Quartermaster Sergeant, Drum Major, Fife Major.