Hampton Roads, June 23, 1801.

Commodore [illegible]

I have received the note mentioned in my letter of 18th and enclosed a copy of which it appears was previously forwarded to the Honorable Secretary of the Navy.

Commodore [illegible] cannot forbear observing that he conceives the two changes therein specified are ill founded. The conduct of measuring them at this moment is premature and ill-advised and the measure of prepa[re in the highest degree. He has however forwarded a copy of that letter by this day's mail and is ready to meet the changes it contains. The enclosed is a copy of what he has written on the occasion.

To the Lieutenant, landing Master on board the Frigate Chesapeake.