Thursday afternoon

Commodore Mr. Barron in answer to Lieutenant Sidney Smith's note of this date Replies that he never did Intend to decide on a division of the Cabins on Board this Ship or any other in the U.S. Navy, the duty of the duties of a Captain or Commander limits that he Shall Permit Every officer to Possess his proper Cabin but this article does not Say how or by what Rule he is to be Governed in dividing to Whom the Berths do Properly Belong. It was my intension on this occasion to have called on those officers to have made Inquiring how and in what Manner this arrangement could Best be Made for the Good of the Service but an unexpected event Prevented one of the Officers
on Whom I intend to call for the Papers being now absent. The Cabiins Remain occupied as they were Marked at the Navy Yard untill that Officer Returns. Which will in all Probability be in a few days.

To divers or events as mentioned on the preceding page and direct as mentioned on the third page and subject to many future events since. With great respect I am your obedient servant.

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