

Thursday afternoon

Commodore J^m Barron in answer to Lieutenant Sidney Smiths 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 US Navy. the 27th article of the duties of a Capt or Commander directs 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 deciding to Whome the Berths do Properly Belong It Was my intention on this occasion to have called on those officers to have made Inquiry 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 intended to call for this Purpose
being now absent the Cabins Remain occupied
as they were marked at the Navy Yard until
that officers Return which will in all Probability
be in a few days

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very warm & intended to call for me
being then absent the letter was
not then sent. It is now found
that it was the same letter which
was sent to me.

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