

Navy Department.

Washington, 4<sup>th</sup> February 1864

Sir.

The Department has received your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> January, and has forwarded a copy to Lieutenant Commander Truxton for such explanation as he may have to make.

Very Respy<sup>l</sup>  
Gideon Welles  
Secretary of the Navy.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>

John P. Hale.

U. S. Senate.

U.S. Department of the Navy  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,  
The Department has received your  
letter of the 20th January, and has forwarded  
a copy to the Assistant Surgeon General  
for such explanation as he may have to  
make.

Very respectfully,  
Secretary of the Navy

Wm. A. Rorer  
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