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Sir

I have read your letter with attention, and am
sorry that consistently with my duty it is not in
my power to give you the proof you desire. I
my good inclination towards you, and I
can do is to afford you the opportunity of
exchanging with any ship going home. You
are perfectly aware of the deficiency of
Officers of your Rank in the Fleet, and how
soon during your short continuance here how
greatly inconvenient and injurious the want of
Captains would become should any accident
happen requiring the Marines of the Fleet to

Act on them.

I am Sir with Respect

Your very Obedt^s

Walden

J. P. [unclear]