

If there are any musical instruments belonging to the United States at the Navy Yard, could they not be furnished to such of the Musicians as have no instruments? After the Band is organized, I wish them to be sent to this place, in such mode as will suit their convenience, and be least expensive. Pfeiffer proposes to come by Sea, as being least expensive. I am not anxious that the Band should be here before our winter is over.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servant
C. K. Stribling
Superintendent

To
Commodore
Francis H. Gregory
Commandant Navy Yard
Boston

U.S. Naval Academy
Annapolis Md
Jan 4 29 1853

Sir,

I forwarded to you some days ago, the proposals of several persons for Gas Works, & informed you that I had directed Mr Reese to call upon you with his proposals.

The increase of the price of Iron and wages, since the estimates were made, renders it probable that no one will undertake the Gas Works for the sum appropriated and the same applies to the Heating of the Buildings for which an appropriation is asked.

To prevent a failure in having these works done, for the want of means; it has occurred to me that we might with the assistance of Mr W. R. Hopkins have them done ourselves and by this means save the expense and profits to contractors, and at the same time have the works done equally as well. Mr Hopkins is a practical Engineer and Machinist, and would be willing to undertake the direction of the work.

If you approve this suggestion, I request authority to send Mr Hopkins to New York, for the purpose of examining in person, such Gas and Heating establishments as would give him the latest information, and ensure our having these establishments, erected in the best manner with the most approved improvements.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servant
C. H. Stibbling
Superintendent

Commodore
Charles Morris
Chief of the Bureau
of Marine Hydrog.

U. S. Naval Academy
Annapolis. Md.
Jan^y 31 1853

Sir, You will please to make a report of the case of Acting Mid^l Brodhead, who died at the Academy last Sunday week. In this report you will please to be particular, in stating the time when you were first informed of his sickness, and his condition when you first saw him, mode of treatment and any other particulars, which in your opinion are necessary to a full understanding of the case.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servant
C. H. Stibbling
Superintendent

Dr. Marius Dural
Papal Asst Surgeon U. S. N.
Present

U. S. Naval Academy
Annapolis Md.
Jan^y 31 1853

Sir, The Academic Board have found Captain Sawyer's son "not duly qualified," to be admitted into the Navy. As the age of young Sawyer is hardly within the limits to authorize his admission into the Navy, and as he appears to be a bright boy; I would very respectfully recommend his being authorized to present himself again, for admission into the Naval Academy, at the examination in September next. In the meantime he can be preparing himself for the examination at some private school.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servant
C. H. Stibbling
Superintendent

Hon^{ble}
John P. Kennedy
Secretary of the Navy
Washington D. C.