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Navy Department
March 5th 1819.

Sir,

The President of the United States having by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointed you Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps, I have the pleasure to transmit to you, herewith, your Commission, dated the third instant.

You will immediately assume the Command of the Marine Corps at Head Quarters, appoint the Staff officers, and make all necessary arrangements for the benefit of the Service; of which you will give due notice to this Department.

It will also be your duty to report, from time to time, such measures as you shall deem expedient to promote the discipline and organization of the Corps.

I am, very respectfully,

Sir,

Your most Ob. Servant,

Smith Thompson

Lieut. Colonel Anthony Gale
Commandant of Marines
Head Quarters.

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