

Confederate States of America,
NAVY DEPARTMENT.

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Richmond, 3 Decr 1867

Sir;

Your letter of the 30 ulto. was this
day received.

Capt. Lynch arrived here yesterday,
and was instructed as to your boat; and
I hope the business will be arranged to your
satisfaction. From his examination and
report the vessel would be of no service
except as a transport, and we could make
no use of her. No purchase by this Depart-
ment therefore will be made; but a just
compensation for her use and for any injury
inflicted will be rendered.

Very Resp^{ly} Wth Serv^t
S. P. M^rman
Sec. Nav