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quired they first be armed,  
and in accordance with  
the authority invested in me  
as Com-in-Chief and in  
the exercise of my duty  
and judgement in the premises,  
I have issued the orders re-  
ferred to, and without some  
better and more weighty reasons  
be shown, these orders will  
not be countermanded.

In justice to Lieut. Barnard I  
must say that the present Admin-  
istration and none of its  
officials have any knowl-