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(Private)

Doubt.

The reason for requesting the inspection of the Fats was that the steamer United States was so fast that if by possibility she should escape the vessels we have placed in the watch. Then it might be necessary to stop her by means of the Fats. It is not at all probable that she or any other vessel can pass our vessels but it is possible. It is as a matter of precaution and one in which your health concerns as I am for our's.

When I read the President's telegraph on the night before last, I went to the Navy Yard. - took a boat & informed two of the vessel boys in the East River that the order extended to all vessels employed by these parties. I pointed out the Ocean Bird (which is one of the vessels named in the Contract with Hemig separately with Graham), as particularly to be watched. About 11 o'clock at night I landed near the United States and found every thing quiet but lights were burned of her which I am informed is unusual.

The statements which you will find in the newspaper
say that the charges filed up is not true.
Nothing of the kind has occurred -

I am acting as if the Kenney applica-
tion has been filed and the attempt is now
to induce us to make a mistake of giving
constant necessity - I hear from some quarters
that so many obstacles have been thrown
in the way that it must be given up
but still this may be to mislead us -
One circumstance which keeps me watchful
is that George Law has been in bond of
the States two days in reception if
he has an interest he can raise the means
to put the matter under weigh - I
believe the want of money is a great obstacle
in the way - I do not think it safe to
withdraw our troops for a few days longer.
Next Wednesday I have a party & shall then call
Kenney for trial. I will make every effort to
get witnesses here at that time.

So far as I can judge public opinion
justifies the course pursued by the President.
Although the ^{cause} has been known since Monday and a
preps has attached it -

Yours truly
C. Kearney

Yours truly
John C. Keane

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