

To EBW 249
New York July 28/1862
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Sincerely
S.B. Washburn

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Date: July 28, 1862

Description: Samuel Washburn requests command of gunboat