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Dear Sir,

Department of War
Bal.o May 30th 1818

On the 26th Inst. I rec.d a letter from Mr. Henry Deringer, of Phil.a, with a rifle, upon which he wishes me to give you my opinion, which I now forward to you for Capt. Barney's Packet. I highly approve of the same, & of which I shall immediately apprize him. This Rifle is a sample sent to me for the examination of the Executive of Mary.d which, when examined, I think will be approved of.

With sincere Respect, I am Dear Sir Your truly
W Wharton

Commodore Barney
Washington City
Mary.d

Col. McDonald
with
a rifle from Deringer
May 30 1818