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 To Cockburn July 1, 1814 (cont)

artillery and pay every Negro as reward for bringing them say 20 dollars bounty for each horse fit for service. These I think may be upon the Islands under your control. Until the troops arrive, collect all the small craft you can as I fear we will be deficient in Flat Boats or the means of Transporting troops into shallow water. I send you 3 which is all I have. I trust the ships from England, France and the Mediterranean will each have one on board. I have directed the Marine clothing specified in the margin to be sent you on the Asia for the purpose of equipping the Volunteers which make [them] as gay as possible (500 jackets, 1000 shirts, 1000 Trousers, 500 Hats, 1000 flannel jackets) Each of the Troop ships take 1000 stand of arms & 100,000 ball cartridges & the Asia 500 stand with accoutrements. They are mostly French, she also will take 1000 swords. I am uninformed of the plans of government, but suppose that they must be pointed against Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington if to the ... landing should be made at or near New Castle & Chester upon the Delaware or at the head of Elk, at Braudwine (sic) the principal mills for powder & flour are situated which may be destroyed in line of Battle Ships can go up near New Castle. Should Baltimore & Washington be the primary objects, it is to be decided where the landing can be made to most advantage - to me it appears that Baltimore should be the previous object & by landing to the northward of it, you cut off the resources & support from the country east of the Susquehanna. On the other hand it is worthy of consideration if we would not achieve an equal advantage by landing at Annapolis & march direct either upon Washington or Baltimore. By this we will secure good roads for your artillery & make no doubt a number of Volunteers would join you the surrounding country. I will thank you for your opinion on these