

do not think any Yankee Senator or
Member of Congress worth half the
money you seem inclined to give them
but I will try what is to be done
in the way you mention

With respect to the Naval Force
 requisite for the Chesapeake it must of course
depend on the operations to be conducted and
it of which you must be naturally be
better able to judge than myself, for the
the more business of the blockade a line of Battle
ships, two frigates & two small craft are
I think fully sufficient especially during
summer whilst we have long days & short
nights.

I have now I believe adverted generally
to every point mentioned in your two letters
but

standing upwards of
approaching within battering distance, nor
is there one against which a Bomb
Ship drawing twelve or thirteen feet water
might not be advantageously placed &
under the immediate cover of a line
of Battle ships. I am sure I need say
no more to point out the propriety
of sending vessels of this description here
instead of which they will perish