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a Party of seamen Officers, this an Investigation by a Court Martial will be the only means of coming at the Truth more particularly as the Prisoner appears to have been commanded by the Commanding officer of the Detachment for many months duty.

I have the Honor &c.

Sir

Your Most Obt. and Dlvd

Humble Servants

Charles B. Stuart } Captains of Letters
Alexander Scott } Marines

W. H. Shaw } Captains of Letters
Lt. } Marines

H. M. S. Dragon Octr 12
Lynnhaven Bay

Sir/

As Captain Lethfield will have the honor to deliver this I cannot refer you to him for the narrative of our proceedings since you left us on the Chesapeak: sorry am I that so few opportunities of annoying the Enemy have occurred, as hitherto his Vessels have remained snug in Port

I inclose you a Copy of some intelligence procured by Captain Jackson, his account of the Enemy's force in Baltimore does not exactly agree with the intelligence I have received, my informant stating the force at Baltimore to consist of Gun Vessels and Flotilla as in Captain Jacksons account but that the Frigate is not in a state of forwardness, but that one Sloop of war is