

Baltimore 4
1st Sept 1813

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that our reports of to day are, that the whole of the Enemy's Fleet have proceeded down the Bay, and are supposed to be off the Potomac —

Should they continue to proceed down to Lynnhaven bay or anywhere below York Spit or New Point Light, I shall have it in my power to go to Norfolk with only a few miles of land carriage, but shall not decide on my route until the crews of the Schooners are all paid off, and I can receive your instructions or wishes on the subject —

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully,

Wm. B. Gordon

Hon^{ble}

William Jones

Secretary of the Navy

Washington