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Baltimore Aug²⁷ the 1864

Sir

Obedient to your orders I proceeded
for Washington and left L^{ieut} John Munn
and Barnwell to bring on the ^{new} - on my
arrival at Baltimore I learned the trait
rending news of the destruction of the
Capital and finding this place defenseless
from the storms which prevailed I placed
myself under the command of Com^{dr} Rogers
to assist in every measure to save it from
the ravages of the enemy.

I have the honor to be

With great respect -

Your Obed^t Serv^t

J. D. Porter

Yours very truly