

Bathman Aug^t 27th 1814

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I had the honor to address you
 Morning on the supposition of your
 at Fredericktown -

Agreeable to your orders I proceeded for
Washington but on my arrival was heard of
the destruction of that city. There was every
expectation of an attack on Baltimore, the
people much distressed and showing no
disposition to defend the place I volunteered
my services to command the Rogers to assist in
its protection, the efforts made by the
Command have not been unavailing. The citizens
of Baltimore have recovered from their panic
and I hope soon the Navy may yet be enabled
to render some service to their country.