

10 O'clock G.M.
14th.

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BALTO
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I have rec^d your Letter of yesterdays date, and would to God it had been in my power to have reached Washington in time to have aided in its protection.

In the present state of this place, I thought it hazarding too much to attempt sending a ~~detachment~~ detachment of my Corps to Maryland Point, particularly as I could not calculate with any certainty on finding support in that quarter. I have however detached Capt. Porter with 100 Seamen and Marines under orders to march to Washington, but more with a view to Guard the Executive, than any thing else.

From his known patriotism, Zeal & Activity however he may be enabled to check in some instances that petty Warfare which frequently takes place in the Environs after sacking a Town.

It is believed here that, after a short pause, the Enemy will attack this place, which if they were to do with success, would be productive of consequences, dreadful to ruminate on, as it is now the only Barrier between it and Phil^a - consequently I would wish to remain, until the place is better