

Fortified and there is more certainty of my being
able to render essential service elsewhere. - at any
rate, I shall be ready to march with all my
strength at a moment, wherever you may think
our services can be of more benefit, for believe
me, that I would cheerfully spill the last drop of
my blood to revenge my injured country.

The people now begin to shew something
like a patriotic spirit: they are fortifying the
town by all the means in their power, and those
who direct their exertions, are pledged to me to
defend the place to the last extremity, otherwise
I should have been at Washington before this
could reach you.

I have only further to add Sir, that Capt
Porter will inform you of the confidence
produced, by the stand our little Band took on
reaching here, and of the effect likely to
result, should it depart at the present moment.
at any rate, I repeat again, that I am ready
at a moments warning, to direct my course to
any other point, where you may deem our
services of more importance.

With great respect