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Sir,

The Battery under my direction at the Indian Head was of too small calibre to make much impression on the Enemy as they descended the Potomak on the 5th instant. A single 18 pounder, which arrived only 30 minutes before the firing began, ill supplied with ammunition, was the only gun that could be of much service.

The Field pieces and (6 pounders) under the direction of that excellent Officer Major Peter, of the Georgetown and Captain Birch of the Washington Volunteers and Captain Lewis of General Stewards Brigade kept up a very spirited fire - Those Officers together with Captains Stull and Davidson and their brave men behaved in the handsomest manner, and rendered ~~all~~ the assistance their limited means afforded -

The ammunition of the 18 pounder, and of several of the sixes, being expended; and the fire of the Enemy from two Frigates, two sloops of war, two Bombs, one Rocket ship, and several small vessels being very heavy; it was thought advisable