

RODOLPH

Fort in Henry Apr 18th - 1814

Sir

You will perhaps be somewhat surprised at
not hearing from me more frequently; - the various
duties I have had to perform & the variety of
situations in which I have been placed will
be a sufficient apology when I inform
you that most of them were such as to preclude
me the use of pen ink & paper - The Navy
and every thing connected with it ^{in this quarter} has done
well & stands preeminently high in the estimation
of all who have witnessed its exertions, &
our country will have reason to bless the
honour that you directed so large a portion
of its disposable force to this place.

At the particular
solicitation of Genl Smith & Wm. Smith
of the 1st of Feb. 1814