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Sir

Palo, Sept 20th 1814
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By express I rec^d your Letter of Yesterday at 12 last night and have to inform you, that the Detachment of Seamen and Marines which I brought here, are this moment about to commence the line of March for the Delaware agreeably to your Order.

It was my intention to have gone by Water, but it now being calm and the Steam Boat which is the only certain expeditious mode of conveyance, being so much out of order as to require two days to put her in apperations, has obliged me to adopt the mode of going by Land.

Capt Perry left here the day before yesterday for New York - it is probable however I shall meet him returning, as I presume you were apprised of his absence and have sent his orders on in time to overtake him by the time he reaches New York.

I have still to apologise for not giving you a detailed account of our Services here, but which I shall do as soon as afforded