

Baltimore April 4th 1814

Honble. William Jones

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Sir, I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 29th Ult. and shall be extremely happy in having the number of my men increased. The two barges from Washington arrived this day, I had sent the Siskient boat to meet them with 30 additional hands for their assistance, found the new barges from the Eastern shore are here, and Col. Spencer the builder, will be here, (if the weather permits) with four more this week, the armament for them is nearly ready, but I have been most cruelly disappointed in the delivery of the Guns (light 18 pounders) by Mr. Dorsey, he has trifled with us from the first, with promises from day to day, and it was but four days ago I was able to get from ^{him} the Guns, in fact, no dependance ca