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Honble William Jones

Sir,

Since mine of the 5th Inst. from Patuxent, I have been with the flotilla to Potomac, where I remained part of Sunday & Monday last, I sent into St Marys, to obtain information of the Ash but without effect, I then concluded to send my "look-out-boat" up the Potomac to join her if possible, and to remain with her until she got up the Bay. Previous to my

leaving Patuxent I sent Gunboat 137 to Baltimore for provisions with orders to follow me down to Patuxent;

When at Potomac I found my provisions nearly expended I determined to run up the Bay in hopes of meeting the Gunboat, knowing that so long as the wind was from the southward she could not get down, nor could I get up with the flotilla with the wind from the northward; on my

arrival in Patuxent I found she was not there, which compelled me to proceed further up, and yesterday I met her just below Annapolis, the weather being bad I