

and if the troops that are in this neighbourhood were  
ordered to this place I conceive a good use might be  
made of them - / This affair has confirmed me

in the bad opinion I had of the Gunboats for this service  
for to save No 137 I was near being exposed in bad  
weather, to a general engagement with a heavy force,

may I now be permitted to ask you for advice  
to carry provisions, such as will not be the means

of disaster or disgrace, if you will allow me and  
she can be had of Mr. William Ordeal in Washing

she is now here having been under my convoy, and  
her captain has gone on to Washington - she is a fine

vessel, sails well & will carry about 450 barrels, the

Captain who is half owner will go in her, and say  
you may have her very cheap (hired) as he has

nothing to employ her with. I have thought

proper to send this by express, and have only wait