

<sup>2</sup> to fit the flotilla there, and when ready, men were to be sent from Washington to man this, that they had information of Artillery having been sent down to be placed on a point near them, & the two flotillas were to operate with them.

I am informed that Col. Wardworth is layn in the rear of Benedict, (some say to cover the property of Clemm Dorsey during his harvest)

I am likewise told that a body of Militia are ordered out from this <sup>place</sup> & vicinity, to proceed to St Leonard's creek, (under Col. Laney, who has never done any thing, nor do I believe, would, if in his Power;) this will be drawing the forces to an improper place, as they cross the Patuxent here and no way of recrossing afterwards, for the defence