

are the daily rumours & tales, so that in fact, I cannot
write you any thing as certain; If I had a fast Gig, or
~~what boat~~, I could send down the river and obtain
Information as to their force & position, but I have not,
being confined to boats that will not row fast.

I have been under the necessity of suspending
Sailing Master Glaude Besse, his conduct has been such
as to take away all confidence in him, for, from
day of our battle on the 10th June, (the time his galley
was sunk) he has appeared so much deranged, that
I cannot continue his command any longer, he will
be ordered to Baltimore.

I am Sir with Respects
your O^b Serv^t
Joshua Barney