

march to the Capitol with as much ease and
in as short a distance as from any other place.

After receiving your letter of the 27th Ulm^o
requesting my ^a "Opinion" respecting the flotilla's
going to Lucen. Amn &c. I sent my son up the river
to sound and inform himself, he has returned
last night and gives the following report -

- Annexed -

Should it be determined to cross the flotilla
by land, I will cheerfully and expeditiously carry
your orders into execution, my calculation is as follows

13 barges & 1 Galley at average of 5 tons each	70 tons
15 long guns. 24. 18. & 12 ^{to} average 1 1/2 tons each	22 1/2
15 Cannonades 42. 32 & 24 ^{to} average 3/4 say	10
Shot of the 15 vessels	average 1 1/2
Rigging, masts, yards, anchor cables, &c.	30
Water casks, small arms, stores, &c.	
	<u>155 1/2</u>