

Mr. Diggs has protested against the demolition
of his Fish house. which of course should
not wait to execute until the evening one
morning, but shall be compelled to remove
his tenant, to accommodate our artillery
with barracks - Mr. D. estimates the des-
truction of his house, as an injury to
himself of 20000 dollars. saying he is bound
to pursue the justice and its dependences in
a certain repair under that penalty -
but a penalty for so small a property I must
confess appears to me a little improbable.

Very respectfully your W. P. M.

Thorne

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Worthy Secy of the Navy

Washington

P.S. We have been obliged to furnish 10 lb. Beef 2000^{lb}
bread to the troops as they were without any thing like
provisions