

U. S. Frigate Albatross
July 18th 1893.

I have the honor to propose the following
plan of defence for the city of Washington
and enclose a rough plan of the ship channel
from about 4 miles below Greenleaf's point to the
Navy Yard, for convenience of reference.

I would prepare a battery on Greenleaf's point
of as many heavy cannon as can be conveniently
mounted, which would I should presume
be at least twenty.

I would remove this ship, over the Bar and
place her across the Channel opposite Windmill
point with the gunboats on the flank toward the
point marked A. and the Colley's and barges
between them and the point. On the point
A mount a heavy cannonade or two if they
can be made ready, to take the fire of the
line of boats with grape in case of attack.

Construct a Battery for ship guns on Windmill
point, in which I would mount one half
my gun deck guns (13, 18 pounders) and as far
as might be possible man them from the ship -
at all events have the battery under the
command of our own officers. Let the boats
be placed on the line of gunboats.

As a further defence let a hulk be sunk
across the Channel one mile below Greenleaf's
point which will be near the line B. C. on the