

service. Such troops as can or may be
to be stationed in such parts of the city as
may be best adapted to repel an attempt
to land -

I would leave the defence of the top of
Fort Washington to the Fort itself and the
water battery which we have constructed
for them, which mounts, 5. 18 p's, & 2. 32 p's,
and to the other force which may be deemed
requisite to protect its rear -

I will now proceed to state as concisely
as possible my reasons for this arrangement.

I take for granted that should the enemy
really intend proceeding as high as this place
that their first object is the destruction of the
Navy yard and its dependencies - The second
object in point of Military importance is the
destruction of the Foundry above Georgetown
and the third, which in a moral point of
view is equal to the other, would be the
removal of the seat of Government which
though far from injuring in itself would
depress the public mind in this country, and
materially affect our reputation in Europe -

To attempt either of these objects they would
at least send six frigates and I believe one or
more ships of the line - Against such a force your
own observation will have shown you that our
force here could make no effective resistance