

4- boats, and because it is the best position to act
in concert with our other floating force -

I place the Jun boats, Bows and galleys in a
line between Windmill point and point A ^{where}
it is the narrowest place and easiest support
and I place the cannonades at A as a cover &
support for the use of the line -

As the General defence of the other part of the
city belongs more exclusively to other officers more
conversant and competent than myself with ^{that} subject
I forbear making any observation upon it -

I propose this plan this morning to the Secretary
of War, who seemed to approve it, and has ordered
Genl Vanneer with the Militia to proceed ^{immediately}
to Washington for the purpose of fortifying Green
Point - He will I presume give you his opinion
of the plan generally - He desires me to
request you will endeavor to have the battery con-
structed on Windmill point for the reception of this
ship's guns - Should you order it - please to let
the platform be 13 feet wide, as long as the ground ^{there}
will allow, to face a point one mile below
Greenleafs point in the Channel - with a breast
work of timber two feet above the platform so that
our guns will play over it -

Your opinion on this subject, and further orders will
be very desirable, in the mean time I shall continue to
use every exertion for strengthening our present position
Should we be ordered up I propose bringing them