

U. S. Frigate Adams.

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Sir,

I have been informed by my pilot
that just below the bar at Maryland point
the channel for over 16 feet water is con-
tracted to, as nearly as he can judge,
200 yards - and that the depth is from
five fathoms to 12 feet shoaling gradually.

I mention this circumstance that
should you deem it advisable - some
naval and military officer might be
sent to ascertain what obstructions might
readily be formed to the enemy's progress
at that place - If their ships could
be stopped there - Alexandria and
Washington would have little or no
cause for apprehension.

Respectfully Y^r O^b Serv^tHon^{ble} Sec^y of the Navy
Washington

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