

U. S. S. Potomac Fort Mifflin
9th Aug 2 1893

Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you
that I have just returned from a short cruise
accompanying the Cruiser as they advanced
I yesterday stood down towards a fleet
that lay off the mouth of Chester with
my Squadron & the fleet of City Gallies
that have been placed under my orders
to try to draw off some of their small
Cruisers from under the guns of the
fleet. But on observing our force the
Ship, I presumed, of attacking an attack
of Gun Boats, not knowing what were
guns the Gallies mounted got underway
I stood down to a ship of the line that
also went & I stood up far lower. They
both anchored in company 6 or 8 miles
below where they now lay about 7
miles of which I informed them last evening
and this, no doubt an additional step
but from the wind they have had to go

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