

I shall run down again tomorrow if
the wind will permit, for our cause
is so great in the night while laying
sight of them, that I am obliged to
be near the Fort rather than exhaust
& weary my men by laying at their
all night / every night / after working
ship from daylight to dark in the fore-
ful ones we have had lately. —
As Capt. Ridgely has reported himself
me for one of the floops building here
I could wish some instructions on the
subject, as I find the Agent is much
by the builders, and all the ships are
now progressing in such a degree as
require the attendance not only of the
Commanders but of their officers to
superintend the different departments
to their equipment as they progress.
The Harveys, Riffing & Horns
of them all but more particularly the
floops require the immediate attention