

Umanah August 23^d 1813

Dear Sir,

Lieut. Watson of the *Mariner*, and attached to the *Adams* having a great desire to visit his friends in Kentucky while the ship is repairing I have given him permission to wait on you for the purpose of obtaining a furlough - As his services will not be necessary to the ship till again ready for ~~the~~ service, it will perhaps be the most favorable opportunity which may soon present for such an indulgence -

The enemy this morning made a movement with all that part of his force above the city and ^{they} are now at anchor opposite and just below it - This position is favorable for an attack, but I am inclined to believe from several circumstances that he intends proceeding down as soon as the wind may become favorable probably to some of the other islands where he