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least shadow of justification. Captain Creighton's arrival at the yard, with the men who had been with him at the bridge (probably about 5 o'clock) would have justified me in instant operation - but he also, was strenuous in the desire to obviate the intended destruction - and volunteered to ride out and gain me positive information as to the position of the enemy, under the hope that our Army might have rallied and repulsed them - I was myself indeed desirous of delay, for the reason that the wind was then blowing fresh from the SW which would most probably have caused the destruction of all the ^{private} property north and east of the yard, in its neighborhood, when I was of opinion that the close of the evening would bring with it a calm, in which, happily, we were not disappointed - Other gentlemen, well recruited, volunteered as Capt. Creighton had done, to go out and bring me positive intelligence of the enemy's situation if possible to obtain it.

The evening came, and I waited with much anxiety the return of Captⁿ C - , having almost continual information that the enemy were in the neighborhood of the Marine barracks - at the Capitol hill - and that their advance was near George Town - I therefore determined to wait only until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock to commence the execution of my orders - becoming apprehensive that Captⁿ C - had, from his long stay, fallen into the hands of the enemy. During this delay I ordered a few Marines and other persons who were then near me, to go off in one of the small galleys, which was done and she is saved. Col^l Wharton had been furnished with a light boat with which he left the yard, probably between 7 & 8 o'clock