

Baltimore Sept 28th 1813

Sir

I had the honor to write you on the 17th Inst^l enclosing you the names of the person, recommended to command the Barges, they are anxious for your answer. I now ~~enclose~~ inclose you a letter from Capt. Boyle on that subject. I am informed by Lieutenant Rutter that Mr. Hooper is an acquisition.

This morning I have seen the Captain of an small vessel which was chased up the Bay, he left the Bury on Friday evening. A frigate anchored just above Smiths point in the Bay, along at anchor on the barges above the frigate, & a schooner & slosh tenders under way near in with the mouth of Potomac, I hope the Scorpion, Ash & Barge will keep a good lookout.

Finding that the three privateers & several armed schooners had shipped nearly all the men at this place, I have sent Mr Nicholson and Mr Huffington, both of the Eastern shore, in order