

fully assembled; and for the rest of the equipment, and finishing, Mr. Beatty will, upon your requisition, provide.

It is directed to have a number of 24 Pounders, belonging to the Navy Department, immediately transported to Baltimore, four of which you will appropriate to the four ~~largest~~ ^{largest} Galleys, in addition to which, they will each have a 42 p^d carronade, if we have an opportunity of sending them round from this place, and if not, you will substitute four of the 32 p^d carronades in Baltimore. The smaller Galleys will be armed with long 18 pounders to be sent from this place, and with 32 or 24 p^d carronades. The opportunity you had of inspecting the new "Black Snake" Galley at the Navy Yard here, will have conveyed to you a more perfect idea of the manner in which I wish them to be armed and equipped, than any written description; and of the movements of the enemy will admit; the "Black Snake" shall be sent round to you, completely fitted to the most minute article ready for action, from which all the rest can be fitted in exact conformity. In the interim you shall have the dimensions, description, and drawing of the Masts, Spars, Sails, etc. and, if the "Black Snake" cannot be sent round, either the Naval Constructor, Mr. Doughty, or our Master Boatbuilder will attend at Baltimore to give directions.

The Galleys building at Baltimore are upon the same plan and construction as those here, except that the former are a little fuller at each end, the better to enable them to bear the heavy metal without hogging. The Black Snake, now with every thing on board, ready for service, draws 21 inches water. Much pains have been taken to perfect those built here, in order to serve as an exact guide for those built elsewhere; and I am so perfectly satisfied with them in all respects, that every effort will be made to get one of them round to Baltimore in due time.

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