

fully executed, and for the residue of the equipment and finishing, Mr. Beatty will, upon your requisition, provide.

He 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 Gallies, in addition to which, they will each have a 42 ^{lb} Carronade, if we have an opportunity of sending them round from this place; and if not, you will substitute four of the 32 ^{lb} Carronades in Baltimore. The smaller Gallies will be armed with long 18 pounders, to be sent from this place, and with 32, or 24 ^{lb} Carronades. The opportunity you had of inspecting the new Black Snake Gally, 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 if 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 interior you shall have the dimensions, description, and drawing of the Masts, Spars, Sails, &c. and, if the "Black Snake", cannot be sent round, either the Naval Constructor, Mr. Doughty, or our Master Boat-builder will attend at Baltimore to give directions.

The Gallies, 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 possible effort will be made, to get one of them round to Baltimore in due time. I not only rely upon your exertions, to equip them in the shortest possible time, but upon your judgment, care, and economy, in doing it to the best advantage. The three Gallies, building here, will be added to your Squadron together with the Scorpion Cutter, Schooner Asp, and two or three Gunboats. Also such of the Barges, belonging to the City of Baltimore, as come within the description