of the Ordnance and Stores you have furnished, or may hereafter furnish, to the Military Department; and you will take care not to part with any thing that may be wanted for the Naval service. — You will immediately transmit a list of what you have already furnished. —

If the Block Houses are not under your Command, you will obtain an acknowledgement from the proper Officer, that they, together with the Guns &c belong to the Navy Department.

The Queen Charlotte will retain her Name.

Let me know at what time the Ariel will sail for Lake Huron, as I have particular despatches to forward to Captain Sinclair.

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
W Jones.

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Joshua Barney, Esqr
Captain Commanding the U S
Flotilla, Nottingham

Navy Department
August 19th 1814.
2 P.M.

Sir,

Yours of this morning is now before me; and the accounts given by your Officer, as to the number and description of the enemy's force at the mouth of the Patuxent agree with other accounts from the same quarter. — Captain Gordon writes that on the morning of the 16th — 22 Sail came in from sea, and passed up the Bay, viz: two 74s and 64, one Razee, 7 frigates, 4 transports and two or three Brigs or Schooners. Appearances indicate a design on this place, but it may be a feint, to mask a real design on Baltimore. If however their force is strong in troops, they may make a vigorous push for this place. In that case they probably would not waste much time with the flotilla. If you can impede and retard his movements, time will be gained, which is all important, but should he advance upon you, with an overwhelming force, you will effectually destroy the flotilla by fire, and with your small arms, retire as he advances, towards this place, opposing by all the means in your power his progress, and advising me of your movements, in order that the Corps of Artillery 3, 12s & 2 long light 18s may be detached to meet you, together with the Marine Corps. — If the flotilla can be run up to Queen Anns with a very few men and a careful Officer, with orders to destroy the whole effectually, and in due time, in the event of the enemy advancing to that place in force, you may pursue that course, but you will run no hazard of capture, and will be careful to regulate your movements, so as to keep in advance of the enemy.

You will keep me advised of every important event, either by express, or by the numerous confidential persons who will be passing this way.

I am respectfully
Your Obed Servt
W Jones

Navy Department
August 20th 1814.
11 P.M.

Joshua Barney Esqr
Commanding the U S Flotilla
Nottingham

Sir

I have this instant received yours of 7 A.M. this day. I am informed by Gentlemen who have frequently travelled from this to Benedict, that there is a very good and direct road of 35 miles.

Should the enemy dash for this place, he will probably take this road, unless he should follow the Bank of the river to Nottingham with his advance guard to drive back your flotilla, and bring up his main body by water.

This will have been decided before you receive this, and you will immediately, if the flotilla up to Queen Anns with as few men as possible, and a trusty Officer, to remain there, and in the event of the enemy advancing upon the flotilla in force, to destroy the whole effectually, and proceed with his men to this place. —

Having given these directions, you will retire before the enemy, toward this place opposing his progress, as well by your Arms, as by felling trees across the road, removing Bridges, and presenting every other possible obstacle to his march. —

Tomorrow morning the detachment of Marines with three 12s and two long light 18 Pounders with every thing complete will march to join you, and will be placed under your Command. When combined, your men will man the guns, and the Marines under the command of Captain Miller will act as Infantry under your command. —

I enclose for your government, the joint "regulations of the War & Navy Departments for the government of their respective Commanders when acting in concert" and you will with the most perfect harmony and promptness afford all the cooperation in your power. With this view you will communicate freely with Brigadier General Winder on this subject. How are you off for Muskets & Pikes? Will you require an additional supply of the former after you have manned the Guns? You will draw your provisions for this place with more facility, than any other. Make your requisitions on Comd Tingey and they will be complied with immediately. Your force on this occasion is of immense importance, and is relied upon with the utmost confidence. —

I shall send to you two men from the Navy yard, to ride express in quick succession during the continuance of the present emergency.

I am respectfully
Your Obed Servt W Jones.