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If it is practicable it will be highly gratifying, and produce an excellent effect, for if you can transport them four miles you may twenty, and thus the enemy will see the futility of any attempt to blockade you in any of the numerous inlets into which circumstances may force you.

Many of our heavy built decked Gun Boats were built in the district of Maine, four or five miles from navigation and hauled down by oxen.

A recent instance has occurred of a Vessel of 100 Tons being hauled several miles.

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The wheels and whatever also may be necessary for the purpose may be ordered from Baltimore under the pretext of being intended for cannon, and it will be well to keep all snug until you are ready for a rapid movement.

The artillery and infantry will be able to protect you on either side until the Barges are ready for action on the Bay side

* (no ^{reference} footnote * shown above)
upon the offsets of which I believe they calculate with great confidence

I am respectfully
Your obed^t Serv^t

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