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Joshua Barney, Esq.
Commanding the U.S. Flotilla
Benedict

Navy Department
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Sir,

Last evening I received yours of the 26th & 27th and congratulate you on the successful result of the rigorous effort by which the Blockade of St Leonard's Creek was raised.

The Patient affording a safe retreat for the flotilla in the event of the Blockade of that river being continued with such^a force as to forbid the hope of your release, it has become necessary to consider and determine what is best to be done, and as this can be decided with a more full and satisfactory discussion by an hour's conversation than by partial correspondence, I think, after you have made such arrangements and given such instructions to the officer next in command, as shall ensure the safety of the flotilla and place you at ease during your absence for a day or two, you had better proceed immediately to this place, and with this view I shall defer until your arrival whatever else I have at present to say.

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

W. Jones.