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Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Governor Winckler having placed the defence of this City under the direction of Genl. Saml. Smith, he has this day solicited of me, my cooperation with the Land Forces in the defence & protection of Baltimore Town & Harbour against any attack which the Enemy may meditate.

I informed the Genl. that it would give me infinite pleasure to render any assistance in my power until I could receive your further instructions; But that my force was now reduced to a single Gun Boat, and even that Boat was destined to join Capt. Linclaire in the Potomac.

In consequence of the reports now in circulation of part of the British squadron having advanced up the Bay, I had determined on suggesting to you the propriety of fitting out one or two small Tenders at this place for the purpose of cruising in the Bay between Annapolis & the Potomac in order to protect the Bay trade against those Tenders & boats of the Enemy, and also to give to Annapolis & Baltimore the most early information of their advance & situation from time to time. Having stated this my