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Baltimore 13th May 1813

Sir,

On the 11th in the morning the ~~Belvedere~~ left Annapolis for since which we have been expecting the ~~Passage~~ of the ~~Passage~~ of her this morning. I have sent the ~~Comet~~ & ~~Revenge~~ with the ~~Galley~~ to take up these Buoys off Swan Point & to return into the river to night - If no ships appear immediately I shall continue to place these Buoys in some false Channel near where they were before to deceive them if possible - In the mean time we are preparing the whole force to follow them down -

The Committee have not yet agreed to fit the vessel for M^r. Mox; At all events I shall put 10 or 12 of his boat Troops in the different vessels, & should he ultimately procure & fit the vessel, he may cruise in company or follow the ~~Liberty~~ if not ready - The ~~Liberty~~ offered by Capt. ~~Stoddard~~ I have not taken -

I have the honor to be

Y^r ob^l

very respectfully

William Jones

Secretary of the Navy

Wm. Gordon