

U. S. S. Potomac off Annapolis

25th May 1813

Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that
in consequence to the report of two frigates having been sent
off the point standing up the bay I have been
nervous between Annapolis & the Potomac until
I could ascertain certainly whether they intended
to go on up the Potomac - The wind being
unfavorable for the last 3 days & no appearance or news
of them. I have determined on proceeding down
tomorrow -

On the day of our departure just as we were
weighing Capt. Martin of the Potomac sent
to me to say that the men refused to go in the
hull of her Capt. was charged - I immediately
went on board selected 3 of the principal &
have them in close confinement at Fort M.
Henry & the Navy Yard under two charges, viz.
for disobedience of orders & 2nd for mutinous &
seditious conduct - There were 7 others who were
overgrown & full of provocation of the language, which
induced me to furnish them with close confine-
ment & then discharge them - The 15 above all
induced to weaken the crew so much, that I was
obliged to replace them from the Fort M.
as she could not make any way with an
ailin. I was induced to send her back to complete