

Baltimore 9th April 1863

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that three vessels in which we shipped 1000 shot each / have this day been sent in consequence of the advance of the enemy up the bay — The Agents have stored the shot until yet further orders —

The enemy are reported to be as high up as the Patuxent, and have captured in the Rappahannock / one Privateer & 3 Cutters of masonry bottoms, belonging to this port —

Genl Smith has repeatedly expressed to me his wish that some vessel might be sent out from here, & he this day took occasion to remark to me that the enemy were now approaching, & we had not yet heard anything from the Harpers Lookout vessel, which I had in command him was stationed for that purpose — I doubted if the enemy were