

I am of opinion I thought we were trying to
draw him up so that the Adams might cut
him off & between us, over power them all
there before they could get assistance from below
other ways, the favorable breeze with the bright
night & a good Channel up to Annapolis ought
to have induced him to continue the chase &

Had the Adams been trying here we could
have given her a smart chase as it was -
I am well satisfied these vessels that have gone
down from Baltimore have put them on the
hook out for us, as I never can find any one
there at the same anchorage where
to, we mean, and to effect anything in the night
must be informed, as to their precise position
as well as the object we intend to offer -

M^r. Mear who started from Baltimore
the day before me with all his apparatus
I have never yet seen or heard of -

I am now getting a supply of water &
shall proceed down ^{again} the day after tomorrow
but must see enough of you in our previous

very respectfully
Yours
Wm. Jones
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
7 Oct 1862
Chas. Gordon