

Baltimore 5th July 1843

Sir,

Lieutth Redger, Sherree & Drayton have reported themselves to me as members of the Court & I presume Lieut. Burrows will be on tomorrow —

I have not yet received y^r warrant or any orders on the subject; and fearful difficulties may arise to cause delay, I am induced to solicit permission to proceed immediately to Norfolk in the event of any delay by the parties —

Should the Enemy make any movement up the bay, it would compel me to proceed by land; And indeed situated as they now are I conceive it impracticable to transport the powder & shot by the same route I contemplate taking, as it is probable I shall cross James river in the neighbourhood of their ships. — we have only 18 & 24th shot & y^r order mentions 32^{lb} —

Agreeable to y^r directions I have sounded the owners of the schooner Potapree who would not hear of the valuation, but on their being solicited to name the very lowest price, I yesterday received for