Every thing but the vessels are in perfect readiness.

For every thing but the scows and a few boats, which can be got here I do permit me to beg in the Marquis' name your Excellency's interposition. I need not add that the success of the expedition turns upon getting these and the dispatch with which they are procured.

With the utmost respect
I have the honor to be
Your Excellency
most obedt Servt
James W. Henry
Volunteer aide de Camp
Maj. Gen. de la Fayette