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Sir

I Have the Honor to inform Your Excellency
That the troops, Artillery, and Stores destined to embark
under My orders, Are Safely Arrived at this place and
to My great disappointment Are Now detained for
want of Vessels — This Affair is So important, Sir, and
My Last orders from His Excellency General Washington
Are So positive, That I am afraid the Least delay
May Be attended With very Bad Consequences
Our Detachment Being Accompanied By
a Large Quantity of Stores and Heavy Artillery, it
Will Require a Vast Number of Vessels, and from
What I Hear at this place the Stability of the
Vessels at Annapolis, and Baltimore Will Be Requisite
for our Embarkation — An other important Article
is to Collect every Armed Vessel that Can Be Had for
the Safety of our Navigation in the Bay — A Sufficiency

His Excellency Jos Lee Esq. Governor of the State of Maryland