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My Father,

The interruption of the Mails has prevented me from writing to you since the disgraceful affair of the 24th inst. & the occupation of Washington by the enemy. In a newspaper which I send you by this days Mail you will find a tolerably correct statement of the battle. We do not exactly know the force of the British - ours did not exceed, I am confident, 5500 men - of these not more than 1200 regulars, marines & seamen. The rest Militia. On Saturday evening last six British vessels of different rates passed the Fort at Washington, being abandoned by its garrison & the Magazine blown up. Yesterday, & at this time they all lie abreast of Alexandria, which is made to

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