

I think it advisable to have the other invitations
sent to their place of abode & to invite the Danish
& Swedish Consuls at Alex^g in the name of the
Committee. They were invited & attended the dinner
of the 5th of June. Unless you deem it unnecessary
& I hear from you by Thursday next, invitations shall
be forwarded. Mr. Wagner I believe may be per-
sued to furnish a contribution of toasts for the
dinner. While writing the above orders are received
from the War Department for the Militia to be
held in immediate readiness to march below. An
express has just arrived from Gen. Winder, who
commands in this Military District, stating that
the British are ascending the Patuxent in great
force, and requiring of the Government to hasten
down all the disposable troops here. The Volunteer
Corps from Washington & part of the Militia have
been ordered immediately to march, which has
caused considerable agitation. The cursed Balti-
-more Flotilla has brought all this mischief
upon us. I hope however, that the danger is un-
-rified, and that it will not materially dimi-
-nish the number from this District who have
promised to attend the Festival.

Yrs. most truly & sincerely,

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