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Mssr. Dorsey

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Head Quarters 3 Division
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Sir

I had the honor to receive yesterday and the
day before your Excell's five-three letter of the 23 Inst.
The Govt Vessels are not yet ready & when they are they will
I believe afford little security to the Mssr. Dorsey's valuable
furnace against a night attack of the Enemy. Captain
Gordon [under whose command they are] will probably not
risque them outside the fort during the night. His Boats
will [I expect] now Guard near the mouth of Curtis's Creek
and in case of the approach of an Enemy will fire
Musquitts or give some other signal. Agreeably to your Exelcys.
order. I will afford the Mssr. Dorsey's every and in my
power. Tents have been recd. under your order, four of
which have [as ordered] been given to Mssr. Dorsey's, Tent poles
+ pins are making by order of the City. The knapsacks &
22 Cantens were delivered to the troops on detachment to North
Point. I shall deliver no more of such as are the property
of the State. The City will furnish in future, I did
presume that the [ ] quilts which I had orders from council
to purchase were ordered in consequence of my earnest soli-
citation for arms to enable me to obey the General order
of the 13 Uit. and that they were intended for the Militia
who were to defend this important city. They are now
delivered to the respective regiments. The Bonds have been
executed agreeably to Law. Each regt has a plea of arms at
the expense of the city, when the arms are carefully kept
and delivered to the men wherever they are called out, they
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