are making all the preparations and want only 
those boats to prevent a surprize
I have the honor to be []
Capt. W. Jones    signed S. Smith

Sir

The Enemy are drawing nearer to us &
when too late you will regret not having had look
out vessels down the Bay. The Valete of vessels
lost in ^ the river Rappahannock would have amply paid for
the line of Boats to lookout. This Port is very ily
prepared agains the attack of an Enemy. I have
done all in my Power.

I am Sir +c+c
Wm. Jones Esqr.    signed S. Smith
Baltimore 8 April 1813

Sir     Baltimore 9 April 1813

I understand from Capt. Gordon that you have
expressed an opinion that this Port is the least in dan
=ger of any Port in the U.S. this opinion has been
met by many without proper consideration or
information. I have had the River carefully
examined 20 feet water may be brought up with a
good tide as far as Hawkins Point, within four
miles of the Fort from thence the Channel is wide

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and the water from 4 1/2 to five fathoms Ships of
line may take out their guns and out of reach of
the fort taken them in and with a few such ships
silence a fort mounting so few guns & having
so few officers trained to Artillary. I pray you
to send two Lieutenants and to employ the Priva=
=teers in Port on Govnt. account, this might prevent
the Enemy from boarding sending the lawn [] to soward
the River as well as render other essential services
I have the honor to be &c &c
Wm. Jones Esqr.    signed S. Smith