

Gen. Smith
stating that the
Government vessels
at Baltimore cannot
afford sufficient
protection to the
surrender of the
Messrs. Dowry

April 25. 1813

Head Quarters 3 Division
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Sir

I had the honor to receive yesterday and the day before your Excellency's ^{three} letters of the 23rd Inst. The Govt's Works are not yet ready & other they are they will I believe afford little security. to the M^{rs} Dorseys' valuable furnace against a night attack of the Enemy. Captain Gordon under whose command they are I will probably not risk them outside the fort during the night - His Boats will I suspect form a Guard near the mouth of Curtis's Creek and in case of the approach of an Enemy will fire musquets or give some other signal; Agreeably to your Excellency's order I will afford the M^{rs} Dorseys every aid in my power. Tents have been rec^d under your order, four of which have as ordered, been given to M^{rs} Dorriss, Tent poles & pins are making by order of the City, 20 Knapsacks & 22 Cantons were delivered to the troops or detachment to South Point, I shall deliver no more of such as are the property of the State, The City will furnish in future, I do presume that the musquets which I had orders from Council to purchase, were ordered in consequence of my earnest solicitation for arms to enable me to obey the General Order of the 13th Ult^o 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 place of arms at the expense of the City, where the arms are carefully kept and delivered to the men whenever they are called out, they

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