Genl. Smith's

Petition that the

Government people at Baltimore cannot
afford sufficient protection to the

Sovereignty of the

Mop. Territory

April 25, 1813
Head Quarters 3 Division
30 April 1873

Sir,

I had the honor to receive yesterday and the day before your Excellency's good letters of the 23 Inst. The forts Defiles are not yet ready & other they are they will I believe afford little security to the ships Dorrays valuable furniture against a night attack of the Enemy. Capt. Gordon, Colonel under whose command they are now probably not risque them outside the fort during the night. His boats will (I suspect) from guns near the mouth of East's Creek and in case of the approach of an Enemy will fire allargadts or give some other signal. Agreeable to your Excellency's order I will afford the ships Dorrays every aid in my power. Carts have been despatched under your order, four of which have been ordered back from Mr. Dorrays. Cart polls & pins are making by order of the City. On approach of 22 cartons more delivery to the troops on detachment. I shall deliver as more of such as are the property of the State. The City will furnish in future, I also presume that the marginal which had orders from coming to purchase, more ordnance in consequence of my earnest solicitation you arms to enable me to obey the General Order of the 13th. Until and that they more intended for the Militia who more to defend this important city, they are now delivered to the respective regiments, that they have been executed agreeably to law. Each unit has a place of arms as the expense of the city, where the arms are carefully kept and delivered to the men whenever they are called for, they

636/379/325 etc.