Dear Sir,

The Enemy are drawing nearer to us, and it is making it necessary to make all the preparations and erect, only those forts to prevent interference.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

Baltimore, 8th April, 1819.

[Signature]

And since the forth from 4½ to 5½ fathoms, I have caused the batteries to be brought up, and they now mount 3 or 4 guns each.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

Baltimore, 9th April, 1819.

I understand from Rear-Admiral that you have expressed an opinion that this fort is the least in danger of any Port in the U.S. This opinion has been arrived at by many without proper consideration or information. I have had the honor to carefully examine the town and feel certain that this fort, when the harbor is opened, will be a good fort as far as Hawkins Point, and from there to the point of the fort from the sea, the channel is wide.