I must beg to apologize to your Excellency for the brevity of the accompanying letter, and for its insufficiency to convey to your Excellency any adequate idea of the state your Excellency's, and the Country, is in. I fear the apparent ignorance under which it is written will be admitted an excuse. Measured here, late this afternoon, the sea lapped and foamed beyond measure by unremitted eastern, tidal, waves, and added the almost constant thunders of cataracts from the rocks of the Patuxent, particularly under the sun, which, and they are at this moment collected in great distance. Indeed, at this short distance, doubtless, offers a favourable opportunity to mischief us.

It comes into, blessed in the sight of the north with a party, to a castle, to Perseverance, as our own. Which is nearly exhausted, is able to obtain from the Command and a large boat. I am told, the horses one, our own being quite inadequate for a service, and the donkeys which found the fort 5. The Smith would proceed one from without.
the war, when the first is necessary, our orders being to stop as
are capable of the orders that would be necessary to take
them, our wounded, all who does require care and rest, without
what it is impossible he can recover. These reasons only I
have little doubt, appear to your Excellency, to be sufficient
to authorize our sending to a great distance from this
Castle.

By the time I can arrive at this castle, I
hope to receive your Excellency's answer to proceed with the
arm in one of the Col. Reflects for Lyne and also in what
manner our remaining forces, (having lost 4 in the course
of the journey) are to be disposed of.

I beg your Excellency to make
my most cordial and compliments to the able and zealous
army together with your Excellency. Hope to have the pleasure
to find you in good health.

I remain with the greatest respect,
your Excellency.

Most humblest. 

To his
Excellency Joseph Marquess

[Signature]