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Madam Desbary who has the honor to wait upon you is a French lady, who some years since was driven from her native Country, after being plundered of her fortune, and forced to seek a refuge in the United States. By great industry and economy, she had acquired some property the whole of which was either destroyed or taken from her at the time of the attack upon George Town some time since. It was her wish to have visited you then, but your departure from the Bay prevented her. She reached the seat of Government last evening and has called upon me, with a request to be furnished with a flag to visit your ship in the hope, that when her case is represented to you every thing will be done, which it is yet in your power to do for her relief. I could not refuse her application and have therefore sent a flag under a full reliance, that nothing which consistently with the rules and usages of War, can be asked in her behalf, will be denied by you.

The R^t Honble Sir John B. Warren R. B.
Admiral of the Blue Commander in Chief &c.

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The bearer of this Mr John Wathins has lately lost some of his Negroes, and is induced to believe that they have been inticed from his service, by some of his own colour and have gone on board of one of the Ships under your command.

He has asked for a flag in order that he may visit you, which I have granted to him.

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Your letter of this day has been received. The Enemy is yet lying near Poplar Island and somewhat below it. I am inclined to believe they intended an attack on some place on the Eastern Shore, last night, probably St. Michaels, but of this I am not certainly informed. Their next movement I presume will develop their intentions so as to enable me to determine the propriety of disbanding the Militia at this station. At present we are almost as much exposed to their incursions as at any time since their arrival, and we are now much weaker by Colonel Banbury having withdrawn the troops of the United States that were here and having marched towards Washington and the