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Mssr. Dorsey

April 25, 1813

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Head Quarters 3 Division
25 April 1813

Sir

I had the honor to receive yesterday and the day before your Excellency's letter of the 23 Inst. The Govt Vessels are not yet ready & when they are they will I believe afford little security to the Mssr. Dorsey's valuable furnace against a night attack of the Enemy. Captain Gordon [under whose command they are] will probably not risk them outside the fort during the night. His Boats will [I expect] now Guard near the mouth of Curtis's Creek and in case of the approach of an Enemy will fire Musquits or give some other signal. Agreeably to your Excellency's order. I will afford the Mssr. Dorsey's every aid in my power. Tents have been recd. under your order, four of which have [as ordered] been given to Mssr. Dorsey's, Tent poles + pins are making by order of the City. The knapsacks & 22 Cantens were delivered to the troops on detachment to North Point. I shall deliver no more of such as are the property of the State. The City will furnish in future, I did presume that the [] quilts 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 13 Ult. 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 plea of arms at the expence of the city, when the arms are carefully kept and delivered to the men wherever they are called out, they

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