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to the Hon. Secy of War
War Department
August 6th 1814
Sir, Enclosed are the plans & report of the
works proposed for the fortification of
Delaware.

Your Excellency's letter of the 28th ultimo
concerning certain improvements in relation to the fortification
of the Delaware has been received. Measures of defense
have been in contemplation. The extent of these is a
point on which the Engineers and the Corporation
differ. The former think Maitello towers, if supported
by armed bays or gun boats, would be sufficient against
assault or predatory incursion - the latter require works
of another form & materials, and on a scale, as I
understand, to resist a siege. For this purpose a
much larger sum than that voted by the Corporation
will be necessary - nor can a work of this kind
be executed under two years. Its foundations will
require one year - as the foundations on which the
work

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John John
to the Governor
of the Delaware

work is to be paid is a bed of mud. I inclose a
copy of my letter of this day to the Corporation on
this subject & have the honor to be Sir,

With very great respect,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

John A. ...

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His Excellency Governor Snyder
Harrisburg Pa

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John A. ...