



VIEW OF HARPER'S FERRY, VIRGINIA

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only three miles distant. I see him the last of
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Surgeon says he is still gaining, I hope
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