

Date Wind Reverse etc HMS Fairy on the Chesapeake in the Potomack River September 1814

Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> 1814

Vble AM Mod<sup>te</sup> By<sup>s</sup> & cloudy, Daylight boats returned. Commenced firing upon the  
 213 Enemy's Fort. At 10<sup>30</sup> AM Sigs as per margin. Captain went on board  
 the Commodore's Carpenters emp'd repairing chocks of gun carriages -  
 NE 11<sup>30</sup> Capt<sup>n</sup> returned. Noon Fresh By<sup>s</sup> & hazy. PM DOWS 1 AM Sigs with  
 preparations to weigh. 1<sup>15</sup> Squad<sup>m</sup> weighed & stood in slope for the  
 Enemy's Fort. - Weighed, standing under easy sail with 22 Prizes  
 under our protection. Stood in for the Enemy's Fort & commenced  
 action with the Enemy. HM Ships Seahorse, Everyday, Actua & Erebus  
 came to an anchor under the Enemy's Fort & commenced a close  
 bombardment upon the Enemy. 4 Mod<sup>te</sup> By<sup>s</sup> - perceived the Enemy's  
 battery silenced, AM Sigs from Seahorse, came to in 11 fms water  
 with Squad<sup>m</sup> & Prizes - 5 the Enemy opened fire upon us above  
 Indian Pt from three different batteries. AM Sigs to commence  
 action with the Enemy. Fired several broadsides of round shot &  
 kept up a close fire with the Squad<sup>m</sup> upon the Enemy. 6 perceived  
 two of their batteries silenced & the Enemy to disperse - weighed &  
 stood in for the third battery & came to in 5 fms & kept up a  
 continued fire upon the Enemy until dark when this battery  
 was silenced. Received several shot thro' the ship's side & had  
 our rigging much cut away. Found the vessel driving, got out a  
 kedge, weighed & warped ship to close the Squad<sup>m</sup> 11 came to in  
 NE 5 1/2 fms water with the B. Bower. Midnight Strong By<sup>s</sup> & squally with <sup>rain</sup>.

Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>

NE AM Strong By<sup>s</sup> & cloudy 4 Mod<sup>te</sup> & hazy. 5 weighed & made sail in  
 C<sup>o</sup> with the Squad<sup>m</sup> & Prizes down the River. Observed several  
 vble Militia-men assembled on the hills - fired several shots & obs'd  
 them to disperse - took three of the Prizes in tow. Noon wind  
 South shifted to the Southward, Lt. air & cloudy. Carpenters emp'd  
 repairing the Bulwarks. PM DOWS, Tack'd occ<sup>ly</sup> beating down  
 63 the river, boat ahead sounding. 4 Lt. winds & clear. 5 AM Sigs  
 as per margin. Cast off the towing. 7 came to in 10 fms water  
 Calm with the Best Bower. 8 Calm & hazy. Midn't DOWS.