

prevented us from making so swift a progress as we desired, but even this difficulty ended in the end to render our operations more deliberate, the first object being that of destroying a Battery on the West side of the Entrance, a division landed for that purpose, and met with no opposition in entering the Port from which it was found the Guns had been removed.

The distance from the entrance of the river to Petty Point where the Vessels lay is only 6 miles, we did not arrive at that place till 3 past 3 on the morning of the 8th; on approaching it we found the town alarmed, the militia all on the alert, and apparently disposed with the assistance of one 48 Gun to oppose our landing, however, after the discharge of the Boat's guns, and a volley of musquetry from our steamers, they prudently ceased firing and gave us no further interruption.

The steamers were formed immediately on landing and under the skilful direction of Lieut Lloyd of that Corps, took up such a position as to command the principal street, and to cover the Seamen while employed in their respective duties.

The Vessels alongside the wharfs were then warped out into the Stream, and those on the