

The stocks and grounds near the town were instantly
burnt.

As the day opened many others were
seen on ships and at elevations higher up the river,
and these were as promptly set fire to by a small
detachment under Lieuts Pyne and Fairman to whom
we are greatly indebted for the serious damage the
Enemy has sustained in this respect.

Several stores were found to contain large
quantities of cables, cordage, sails and spars, which
were either destroyed or removed to the Young *Anaconda*
Brig and *Eagle* Schooner, each ready for sea and which
I first deemed practicable to bring out, and the
object of the expedition being fully accomplished by
every vessel within 3 miles of the town being either
destroyed or in our possession, the party were at
10 o'clock embarked with the most perfect order
and regularity in presence of a very numerous
population; not an exception to the character of
discipline and sobriety having arisen tho sur-
rounded by temptations and even urged by the
inhabitants to indulge in liquor.

At 11 AM we weighed with the Brig
Anaconda and *Eagle* Schooner and proceeded with
them and the Boats some distance down the
river, the wind however blowing strong, directly
up, and the channel being extremely narrow, the