

former ground, with a falling tide, and I soon perceived from the preparations which were making to annoy us on all sides, that it would be expedient to destroy both these vessels, the party were all accordingly removed to the Eagle, who before we lost sight of the Brig we had the satisfaction of seeing her burnt to the water's edge. I then determined to defer our retreat till after dark - as tho' at the Schooners present anchorage, we were exposed to a fire of musquetry from a wood within half musquet shot, by far the greatest preparations were making on the banks of a still narrower part of the river which we had got to pass, I here received a communication from the Military Officer Commanding in that district of which I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy -

My reply was verbal, and merely expressed my surprise at such a summons, assuring the General that tho' sensible of their humane intentions, we set their power to detain us at defiance.

Every arrangement being made for effecting our retreat, at 7 o'clock the Eagle was set on fire and the Boats formed in regular order, commenced dropping down the river.

Here a brisk fire was opened from the wood which had partially annoyed us during the day.