

this service was performed in open daylight, and almost
in the heart of the Enemy's Country within a few miles
of New London, where there is so large a naval and military force
stationed, I think, Sir, it will appear evident to you.

that nothing less than such coolness, bravery and discipline as
I have represented in those officers and men, could have so
completely effected the object which we had in view.

Lieute. Derrant of this Brig, who it was necessary
to leave on board as commanding officer, was truly desirous
of being more actively useful, and could his services in that
capacity have been dispensed with, I have no doubt
but his Zeal and valor would have been strongly
exemplified.

Herewith I have the honor to enclose a list
of the killed and wounded, together with a statement
of the names, and description of the vessels destroyed
in Connecticut River, which I find has hitherto
been the general nest of that class of vessels
which are calculated to annoy our commerce.

I have the honor to be Sir
with every sentiment of respect
Your very humble Servant.

Ligned, Richard Coote
Commander

To The Honble J. B. Capel
Captain Attnship La Hogue
Senior Officer off New London.