

A. M. Ship LaSague  
off New London 28 May 1814

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you  
a letter I have received from Captain Burdett  
of A. M. Ship Maidstone, giving an account of  
an attack made by the Enemy's Gunboats  
on that Ship and the Sylph, off New London  
on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant.

A strong ebb tide and little wind  
prevented LaSague (from Gardiner Bay) or the  
Plover (then at anchor under Plum Island)  
from getting into the Sound to render assistance,  
but I have great pleasure in acquainting you,  
that by the steady gallantry of Captains Burdett  
and Kinsman, their Officers, & crews, no impression  
whatever was made by the Enemy on His Majesty's  
Ships altho' they continued their attack for  
upwards of three hours.

Captain Burdett's letter will fully  
detail to you the particulars of this affair;  
but I have great satisfaction in assuring  
you that I never witnessed more firmness  
than was shown by Captains Burdett and  
Kinsman in the conducting of their Ships  
on this occasion.

The Enemy showed a disposition to  
renew their attack on the following morning