

risking giving the Enemy too great an advantage
over me, and made the Sylphs Signal to take
her Station astern of me, The Enemy's Flotilla
consisting of Four large Ketches, mounting two
long Two and thirty Pounders each, on Vests Nine
Schooners, with a long Twenty four Pounder each, and
Thirteen long Gallies with a Gun fitted on each Bow,
towing astern of them, formed their line, and took
their distance within long range of me and close in
shore when a heavy fire was opened upon His
Majesty's Ships from their whole line, and we re-
turned the Salute, then Convoy passing in shore
of them at the same time most of which had Guns
and fired as they passed. the Enemy keeping under
weigh and choosing their distance. I soon found
from their superior weight of Metal, any material
impression upon them was impracticable: after
dark the firing on both sides ceased after a cannonading
of Three Hours & ten Minutes: at Day-dawn &
a perfect Calm I found the Enemy's Flotilla at
an anchor in line much in the same position I
had left them in the preceding Evening. I weighed
the anchor, formed again a head of the Sylph
with the assistance of my Boats, got our Springs