

Papers of Alexander Cochrane MS 2348 (2)
Cochrane to Croker
17 September 1814 (cont.)

before he could be brought off to the Ship. It is a tribute due to the memory of this gallant and respected officer, to pause in my relation, while I lament the loss that H M Service and the Army, of which he was one of the brightest ornaments, have sustained by his death; the unanimity, the zeal which he manifested on every occasion, while I had the honor of serving with him, gave life and ease to the most arduous undertakings; too heedless of his personal security in the field his devotion to the care and honor of his Army has caused the termination of his valuable life. The Major Genl has left a Wife and family for whom I am confident his grateful country will provide.

The skirmish which had deprived the Army of its brave General was a prelude to a most decisive victory over the flower of the Enemy's Troops. Colonel Brooke on whom the command devolved having pushed forward our force to within five Miles of Baltimore where the Enemy, about six or seven thousand, had taken up an advanced position strengthened by Field pieces, and where he had disposed himself apparently with the intention of making a determined resistance, fell upon the Enemy with such impetuosity that he was obliged soon to give way and flee in every direction leaving on the Field of Battle a considerable number of killed and Wounded and two pieces of cannon. For the particulars of this brilliant affair I beg leave to refer their Lordships to Rear Admiral Cockburn's dispatch transmitted herewith.

At daybreak the next morning the Bombs having taken their Stations within shell range supported by the Surprise with the other Frigates and Sloops, opened their Fire on the Fort that protected that of the Harbor, and I had now an opportunity of observing the strength and the preparation of the Enemy. The approach to the Town on the Land side