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Congratulates Croker for their successful ^{British} expedition which captured & destroyed Barney's flotilla, defeated ~~the~~ the Americans at Bladensburg - captured the City of Washington with all ^{the} ~~the~~ Public Buildings, Military Arsenals, Dockyard, Naval and Military Stores, ^{plus} a frigate of the largest class ready to launch, and a sloop of war reduced to ashes. - surrounded by a numerous population but with very few casualties.

Upon ~~the~~ R. Adam Malcolm joining ^{in the Potomac} with his expedition from Bermuda, after Adam Cockburn informed me that Barney's Flotilla had taken station at the head of the Potomac, the situation afforded a pretext to attack him near its source above Pig Point when the real purpose was to attack the City of Washington, either ^{by} passing ~~by~~ ^{through} Port Tobacco along the Potomac, or Benedict on the Potomac, both at the same distance from Pig Point. The road ^{by} way of ~~from~~ Benedict, five miles inland. The ^{branch} ~~road~~ ^{through} to Bladensburg passes through the towns of Nottingham and Marlborough. Captain Peter Parker was sent up the Chesapeake to divert the Americans there, while Cockburn and the rest of "his" fleet and ^{the} army landed at Benedict, and as Major General Ross and his army ^{then} continued up the left side of the Potomac ~~and~~ ^{while} the British navy ~~flotilla~~ took ~~the right~~ their small boats up the right side to flank the movement. The army reached Nottingham on the 21st of August and Marlborough the next day. As the British ^{veered} continued up toward Barney's flotilla, ^{about} three miles above Pig Point, ~~the~~ all of his boats caught fire ^{and blew up} except one ~~and~~ ^{after} ^{receiving} Cockburn's account, Ross decided he was determined to march to Bladensburg and ~~Cockburn's~~ ^{British army} both forces returned to Nottingham.

Cochrane into "sweeping" at Benedict Aug 20 out Aug. 28 ^{D.C. Battle over Aug 25}
Sphigonia left.?? ^{Bladensburg Aug 24}
Note avoidance of participation