

His Majesty's Ship Loire June 11 1774
off Leonard's Cove in the
River Patuxent

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that on the 8th Instant, the Baltimore Flotilla quitted its position under Drum Point, and ran further up the Patuxent - at day break of the 7th having been joined by the Loire, and Sasseur Brig, I proceeded with them. The St Lawrence Schooner, the Dragons tender, and seven Boats belonging to the Albion & Dragon, in pursuit of the Enemy; at about 9 o'clock he was discovered working up St. Leonard's Creek, unfortunately the water was too shoal to admit of even the Sasseur being carried into the Creek, and the St Lawrence had grounded early in the morning, and was still ashore, every exertion was made to anchor the Loire and Sasseur at the mouth of the Creek, so as to pin the Flotilla within it, and about noon I proceeded