

Ship up to the flats where the tide having fallen the Ship
took the ground and lay until the evening flood came to
during which time we were engaged lightening the Ship
by taking out the Provision Stores and starting the water
At seven P. M. she floated, and by placing our boats
with lights along the narrows, the Pilot. Mr. James Thompson
brought her up in safety to Fort. Norfolk. The object of the
Enemy appeared to be this Ship, as they got under way (for
information) on the evening's flood with a leading boat
and rowed up to the roads. Finding us gone they went
again and anchored in Lynnhaven Bay. As they are
forced it is very probable some attempt may be made again
Norfolk.

From the first I was desirous of avoiding
place, satisfied that our chance of getting to sea, would
be rendered difficult, as the Enemy possess, no doubt
the earliest information from their Agents here. We
had not been twenty four hours in the Roads before
were apprised of it.

There are no means Captain Cassin infor-
me of proving powder at this place as he has no Prov-
I shall now get the Ship in a state of read-