

the range of musket shot. At this time seeing
the whole of the Enemy's Barges in motion, I directed
Lt. Stewart who, Commanded the Van Vessel, after giving
her a proper direction, to set fire to her - and after
Mr. Ramage came up, gave him the same orders
the Vessel under charge of Lt. Forrest, was fired
by the Pilot without orders, some distance above
the others.

Of the Enemy's Boats, some were employed
in towing off the Fire Vessels, and the rest in pursuit
of our Four Battering, my own Sloop, and a small Boat
with three Oars without a scudaler, they did not
however, venture to come within musket shot, although
their Force and Numbers were more than I could
but continued at a distance, firing their Great Guns
for 20 or 30 minutes, and then retired to their Boats
again.

On the 4th Inst. I had another Fire
Vessel prepared, but it being calm, I ordered
Stewart and the Four Battering, to proceed with
of the remaining Lighters of the Yard, having an
sunder in her, to attack the Bent Ship, which
in the anxiety of the Enemy to get below the temporary
forts created by my associated Capt. Porter and