

have guns every night, and the men in
Launches requiring rest, having slept
the boat & they'd upon the beach for a week
or 10 days, I returned to the Squadron, regret-
ting very much that the inactivity of the
force together with its importance to the
defence of this place / deprives me the
satisfaction of assisting Barney in any
way at present - By the time my
out boat reached Little Point Light
it appeared two ships had joined Adm. Cockburn
at Langier; previous to which, & when
Barney was defeated by Barney I am well
satisfied the Albion had not half a com-
pliment of men on board; And my
who had been on board reported her
much lumbered with Mechanics, work-
men, Negroes &c. &c. and dividedly & filthy in
extreme. - That would have been a
laffy moment, with a sufficient
Launches to have transported 500 of
men unobserved; But the distance was
too great for me night run with a
Schooner which determined me on to
the western shore, so as to have concealed
myself in the river before daylight had