

Patuxent, - St Leonard's Creek. Lake 9th. 1814

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Honble Wm Jones

Sir Since mine of the 3^d + 4th Ins. the enemy
has been reinforced with a Razee and a block of War
Brig, & then moved up to the mouth of this creek, at
5 A M yesterday we perceived one ship, Brig, two schooners,
& 15 barges coming up the Patuxent the wind at East,
I got the flotilla under way and moved up the creek
about 2 Miles, and moved in line abreast across
the channel & prepared for action, at 8 A M the
barges came up the creek, the ship &c anchored at
the mouth of the Creek, a Rocket barge was advanced
upon us, we fired several shot to try the distance
which fell short, whilst their Rockets raked over us in
every direction, finding myself exposed in such a
situation I got my Barges (13 in number) under way
leaving the Scorpion & gunboats at anchor, and rowed

when they immediately fled from
their position leaving a large quantity of

their means - we pursued them until near the
fired several shot among them, when we
our mooring; In the afternoon they
came again, Again threw Rockets, and was