

and retired, but with no effect; I find they have four
Barges from Admiral Cookburn, with 22 of his Marines
all of which was in the action of the 10th, as one of the
Marines who deserted informed me; They have been
up the Patuxent, burning houses & plundering, on
both sides yesterday & to day, I do not know whether
they mean to attack me as yet, but expect if they do
it will be in the night, I am pretty well prepared
for them.

Col. Carbery is here, his conduct does
not please me in more ways than one, he finds
much fault publicly to the Inhabitants about my
coming into this creek, he seems to have no
disposition to give me real assistance, as you will
see by the inclosed Note, I have just received, the

Position he occupied was a fine one, commanding
three points on the creek. The ground very high,