

According to your orders a Schooner lying at the
head of St. Leonard's Creek was prepared for sailing, and
loaded with the Spars and Iron Kettle remaining there
which had been landed from the Balges. This was completed
on the morning of the 30th ult. — with an intention of
proceeding down the Creek the ensuing night for the purpose
of joining the Squadron as soon as possible —
Capt. Gushagen, who had been left in charge at St. Leonard's
rowed some way down to gain intelligence of the Enemy,
and was soon informed that two ships, accompanied
by several small Schooners had dropped anchor above
the mouth of the Creek, about 4 o'clock that evening.
This circumstance, precluding a possibility of the Schooner
gaining the Palmyra, in the morning of the 1st Ins.
the Spars &c were reloaded, & placed in their former
situation. Capt. Gushagen then removed his party
to this Camp and on the morning of the 2^d, again
proceeded to St. Leonard's town, with a guard of 8 men
accompanied by the Waggon, for the purpose of removing
the Spars & Kettle left there, but had only time to load
one Waggon when the near approach of the Enemy forced
them to retreat, & dispatch it back with orders for those
not yet moved to return. Thirteen Barges of our Balges
and the Guards belonging to the Gally, were then landed
into the Creek, & pushed up so as to conceal them from
the Enemy. Care had also been taken to send off the
Slide belonging to Gun Boat No 138, but by getting into
their possession it might aid them in securing any other
expedient. — Capt. Gushagen remained upon the point on
which the warehouse is situated until the Barges got
within musket shot, when they were saluted with a well