

which is what I expected from their movements the week
before, this was done by not more than 120 men, who
marched upwards of Seven miles into the country and
returned without molestation; ^{rumours} Numerous and alarms have
been continued every day since, the people are all frightened
out of their senses running about the country like so
many mad people, nor can I procure a single man ^{horse} to
to go down the river for information as to the force of the
at the mouth of the river; And I cannot trust one of my
officers for he would be betrayed by our internal foes
such is my situation. Yesterday, news was brought by
letters that the enemy had landed 700 men at Berid
and sent parties into the Country, that Leonard town
& Maries was taken by a force that had gone up the
Potomac; and also that the enemy had again visited
Huntington & burnt Calvert Court house, such Sir