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Sir,

I have considered the situation of the flotilla, and based in view the conduct of the Enemy since I came into this river, and if I am to judge from what has passed, I am led to believe we have little to apprehend at present, it would appear that they have not a considerable force, and I do think the force now here, has been drawn from Bermuda for the express purpose of capturing the flotilla in St Leonard's creek, for from the first attack on the 8<sup>th</sup> June they declared they must have Land, or Marine troops in order to take us where we were, and that vessels were dispatched to Bermuda for such a force; 8 or 900 Marines have come, & several smaller size vessels, I do not understand that Admiral Foot Cochrane has come, which goes to confirm me