

more ease, than the flotilla where we now are,
knowing that boats will never answer, and the
troops now under his orders are not sufficient to
ascend the river for that purpose, should there be
their Ideas they will give me an opportunity of getting
out, as they can then enter and with ease destroy, &
not take away the whole of the property now left on
this river; for Sir, they never have, and I believe never
will be resisted by the Inhabitants near this river, the
Militia Officers being mostly in their Interest, encourage
the enemy and discourage such as are dishor'd to do
by exaggerated accounts of the enemies forces &c., If
you had seen the Panic that appears to strike all classes
at hearing of the enemy, you would quickly coincide
with me in saying that when they see them, (if they
could be prevailed upon to stay & see them) they would