

make no defence whatever, for should 100 men land
twenty miles below this, the numbers would increase
(by report) to 1000 before they reached here, and when they
100 did arrive, they would be looked upon as the Avance
guard of 2000 more, no resistance would be made for
fear of the arrival of the supposed main army which was
following. Thus sir, before the real number could be known
the mischief would be done; I see it only. I had sent
an officer and 10 men to bring up a couple of yauls which
belonged to the Gunboats and had been left at St Leonard's
creek, on their way up the Militia which had been
stationed on the river, gave way in every direction at
the appearance of these two boats - a small schooner
which also escaped from St Leonard's came up, the
people at Lower Marlborough ran out of town, called
on a Militia officer and declared the enemy had