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Sir,

The Frigate Success arrived here yesterday from Halifax and joined the Squadron. To day another Frigate joined the Squadron from below, and I presume from some place without the Bay - A 74 & Frigate beat down this morning on the 866 tide, how far is uncertain -

The Admiral sent in a flag to day merely to forward some letters to Gen^l Mason -

To prevent her proceeding too far into the harbor I landed and stopped her, being without my

uniform - I could gather nothing from the officer except an extreme anxiety for European news. Their latest intelligence yesterday was June 12th. They expected the Frigate passing up to day would bring later intelligence -

We are laboring hard to render the Forts efficient, but there are so few necessary materials & the defects are of such nature, that it will not be possible for us to make them as they ought to be.