

Chambers is a fly? in coming to the Council
Assembly, But none of them appear to have
any idea of an attack on the place - they
take the general impression to be made
in Memphis & then to proceed to Memphis
& Brownsville - Their appearance off the
Potomac in charge of a landing last evening
if any - Chambers having been seen on the
the day previous - Capt Jackson of the ship
that had just arrived volunteered to go
out, but was wearing all night & could not
find us, we having moved higher up river
by them - These deserters were on that expedition

Some ships of the fleet are shown on flutes
only half their complement of men - The rest
generally remain in the harbor and are sent
to land on expeditions & are compelled to land
& lay at anchor under guard while the troops
are engaged on shore - The fleet appears to
be want of nothing, but the troops upon the shore
are generally sickly -

The City Committee appear to be left to know
to dispose of deserters as it is thought dangerous
let them remain at large - Two of those who desert
some day, some at land, some at sea - The Gov
has a bill for the purpose of punishing deserters