

Thurs. July 19th, 1813

I have to inform you of the unfortunate event which occurred here on the 14th, the action between the British hargreaves and U.S. Schooner Ats, commanded by Mr. Seymour. At 10 o'clock A.M. the Scorpion & Ats got under way from Yacocomico River and stood out, and discovered a number of sail which proved to be the enemy; the Scorpion then made signal to act at discretion and stood up the river, the Schooner being a bad sailer and the wind ahead we were not able to get out; finding the enemy approaching us we thought best to return, immediately two of the Briggs stood towards us and anchored a short dist from the river, when they manned their boats. Mr. Seymour thought it would be for our advantage to run further up the Creek which we did, but finding