

the enemy had left their vessels we had not
to weigh anchor therefore we were obliged to
our cable, we were attacked by 3 boats well
manned and armed we continued a well
-ed fire on them and after a short time
were compelled retreat and obtain a reinforcement
about an hour after we retired, we ^{were} ~~retreated~~
by 5 boats we continued doing the same as
but having so few men we were unable to
repel the enemy, when they boarded us they
refused giving any quarters, there was a number
of fifty men on our decks which compelled
to leave the vessel, as the enemy had seen
they put her on fire and retreated, a short
after they left her we went on board and
with much difficulty extinguished the
flames. but it is with deep regret that I
inform you the death of Mr. Sigourney, who
fought most gallantly in defence of the
vessel, and the utmost exertion was used
by every man on board, our crew only