

to see if they can find the boats and cut off their retreat, which must be somewhere about Newports, New or Hampton Roads. The Midshipman informs that the rest of the Squadron is expected down the bay immediately, and that the *Victorious* is then going to Bermuda.

You will please instruct me in what light these persons are to be considered, whether as prisoners of war or not.

The Revenue Cutter has just passed under Stern, and states, that they have captured the three other boats and sent the prisoners to Hampton.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully, Sir

Your obedient servant.

C. S. Stewart

P.S. One of their tenders also has sunk off Willoughby point, on the rip-raps.