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in view away from Lancaster County Virginia
suffering us to be British they offered to conduct
to their Masters houses & to the Plantations of the
with men to get stock, and to plunder & burn
in they turned it - I immediately returned them
to their proper owners, for which they appeared
ful & returned their thanks for our trouble -

After refreshing my men, I yesterday at day
proceeded down to the fleet again, to try to get
good view of them before night, & if their po-
tion would sanction the attempt, to cut the
out in the night, and to make an experiment
upon the Frigate, both of which were the two upper
vessels of the fleet - Two of us were laying to, within
about 5 miles of them, my two other Schooners
within good signal distance above - While lay-
ing in that position with our glasses at the mast
At 1 P.M. The Frigate the Brig & a Schooner that
below them tripped & were in a few minutes
under a cloud of cannon in pursuit of us -
ing the wind on their quarters with everything
ing, & freshening as it drew up the bay with the
tion, they gave us a smart chase of 5 hours
ran us up as high as the Potomac, when she took
all light sails & hauled their wind to the East
As he observed we were continuing up the bay

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