

Mary Ward Report
June 21st 1813

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On Saturday at 11 P.M. Captain Parbelle moved with the Flotilla under his command consisting of Fifteen Gunboats, in two Divisions. Lieutenant John M. Gardner, 1st Division & Lieutenant Robert Henley, the 2^d. moved from the Frigate & fifty musketeers Gen. & Taylor ordered from Craney Island, and proceeded down the river but adverse winds & squalls prevented his approaching the Enemy until Sunday morning at 4 P.M. when the Flotilla commenced a heavy galling fire on a Frigate at about three quarters of a mile distance laying well up the river at half past four a breeze sprang up from E.N.E. which enabled the two frigates to get under way, one a large & very heavy ship & the other a frigate to come nearer into action the boats in consequence of their approach hauled off the Frigate & a well directed fire on the razer & other ship which gave us several broadsides, the Frigate first engaged appeared to be the Junon was certainly very severely handled for I heard the shot distinctly strike her & the