communicate with us by signal & enable him to
come to my assistance should I make a signal
to that effect — A few days after I was ob-
liged by a Frigate & Brig of Admiral Cockburn's light
the Potomac, & was compelled to order my
Tender (the Wasp) in Store just below Lewis
point where those Vessels all anchored after
giving over the chase of us; And as I supposed
Lieut. Read in their Boats, where Lieut. Read
had the wasp been attached
force would have been effectual — Under
other circumstances might have occurred to
prevent the assistance of that force, such as the
Frigate getting a ground or becalmed off the
Mouth of Wicomico & anchor
15 miles above Lewis point with a view of
sending a party of 200 men across the land to
the assistance of the wasp, as I had no boats to
carry it in Store — I was off & on at that place
for a week watching, & could never see or hear
from Lt. Read, the Lt states that he saw & hailed
me 2 or 3 times — It was quite immaterial
where he lay, as he was out of my reach, & we
constantly lands at the mast head looking out for
him — I concluded he had been ordered up
or had gone up for provisions, when I received
his letter by the Volunteer, instead informing me