

the greater part of the crew were lost by sinking, twenty boats
& sailors were saved & the boat hauled up, from the boats that
were sunk I presume there was forty prisoners, the troops that
were landed fell back in the rear of the Island & commenced
throwing rockets from Mr. Wise's house, when Giant Boat of
threw a few shot over that way, they dispersed & went back
We have had all day deserters from the enemy coming in, I
myself taken in twenty five, and eighteen prisoners belonging to
the Santapas. The Officers of the Constellation fired their 18
and more like riflemen than Artillerist, I never saw such
and seriously believe they saved the Island yesterday
The evening their boats came round the point of Chansmon
at sun set were seen returning to their ships full of men, at
they strove the shore along with fire in order to run away be
light.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your ob^d & able Serv^t
John Casper

The Hon^{ble}
William Jones