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Navy Yard Gosport 12 July 1813¹⁰⁴

Yesterday 16 am the enemy left
the Roads Ten ships. Two of which supposed
to be the admirals, were at anchor in Lynnhaven
the Host apparently bound to sea three brigs.
Seven schooners & some sloops were out side, when
our look out left hollyday's point; our boat with
Mr Lee the pilot watching the enemy. On movement
were discovered when they sent several boats
after her, the guard at the point with the boat
crew beat them off, with the loss of one or two of
their men. There is a number of men here now
from the privateers which have arrived in Norfolk
Carolinean but will not ship for the gun boats
I have ordered them to be shifted for the Constellation
- Team so that I may have them at all events.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Serv^t

John Caffery

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