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Sir,

San Domingo off the South
end of Kent Island, Chesapeake
23rd August 1813

I request you will communicate to their Lordships that on the 28th Ult^o. I detached Captain Sheriff with the Barossa, Laurestinus, Conflict and Mohawk Sloops and High Flyer Tender up the Bay in hopes of cutting off some of the Baltimore Flotilla amounting to Six or Seven sail of Schooners and some Row Gallies, likewise to secure the passes and Ferry around Kent Island, and I also directed Rear Admiral Cockburn to lead the Squadron up the bay, it falling little wind however on the 4th Instant several ships on account of the Tide were obliged to anchor but the Sceptre from having a light breeze was enabled to get up as high as Kent Island, when the Rear Admiral, having three companies of the 102nd Regiment on board very judiciously and zealously directed them to be disembarked with the Marines of that Ship and took possession of the above Island & secured the Ferry just as a considerable number of oxen and sheep were at the Point ready to pass over to the Continent (Western Shore?) On the 6th instant the remainder of the Squadron arrived off the Southern part of the Island and on the following day the Troops under the command of Sir Sydney Bickinrith were disembarked and marched for the Northern part of the Island where they were placed in Camp and Sir Sydney established here several Posts and gave the necessary orders on the occasion.

I was glad to obtain possession of this valuable & beautiful Island which is half as large as the Isle of Wight. not only on account of its situation as a central point between Annapolis, Baltimore, Washington and the eastern ports of the State of