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Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Admiral Sir J. B. Warren KB  
& Commandant in Chief  
etc &c.

Camp on Kent Island in the  
Chesapeake 13<sup>th</sup> August 1813

Sir,

In obedience to your orders to move against the Enemy who were understood to have collected some Troops in Queen's Town, consisting of Cavalry, Infantry, & Artillery, I have the honor to report to you, that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Marines, the detachment of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Regiment and two guns of the Royal Marine Artillery, under Lieut. Col<sup>l</sup> Napier marched from their Camp at Ten o'clock last night for the Ferry at the Narrows, when under the direction of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Ross of the Royal Navy they were embarked and convey'd over with the greatest expedition and the most perfect Silence -

At the same hour Lieut<sup>l</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Williams with the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Marine Batt<sup>n</sup> embarked at Love point, in the Boats under the direction of Capt Patterson Royal Navy, with a view of turning the place, and preventing the Enemy's escape towards Caterville, a considerable Town about six miles further up the Country. About one o'clock both parties proceeded to their destination - The march of the Troops under Lieut<sup>l</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Napier after crossing a Swamp lay thro' a thick wood, about four miles in length. In this and between it and the Town, the Enemy had posted Pickets which fired upon our advance, and sent off to give the alarm, which afforded sufficient time for the Infantry and Artillery to retire leaving a small body of Cavalry which formed up, but galloped off on being fired upon by our field pieces

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