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party solely, but I fear that he had the imprudence to leave the Boat himself & about twelve of the crew, unarmed with musquets, and Cannonade un-loaded, as it was found in that state when recovered, and had not been fired, and went up the Sandhills even before the Centinels had arrived at their posts. —

At present I am unacquainted with any further particulars, and I must leave it to Lieutenant Fairbairn on his return, to account for his not having taken the necessary precautions and acted with his usual prudence, and complying with my Orders which would have prevented this unfortunate affair and so many brave men being lost to the service —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant

(Signed) Robt Lloyd