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San Domingo Off the  
North end of Kent  
Island Chesapeake  
15<sup>th</sup> August 1813.

Sir,

In consequence of the  
enclosed Letter from Sir Sydney  
Bickwith, and from some disor-  
-der having taken place amongst  
a few of the Men of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Regt.  
and Marines being, I suppose,  
and also a great Number having  
taken Boats and gone from  
the Contest Hoop, whose Com-  
-pany seem to have been of the  
very worst description; I have  
hastened our departure from  
the upper part of the Bay  
and shall proceed along shore to  
Balifan, at which place, during  
the remainder of the Hurricane  
Months, the Second Battalion  
of Marines can be exercised and  
drilled, the Troops refreshed and  
the Ships refitted so as to again

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