

on account of its situation as a
 central Point between Annapolis,
 Baltimore, Washington and the
 Eastern Ports of the State of Mary-
 land which joins the Delaware,
 but with the further view of re-
 freshing the Troops and Crews of
 the Ships who had been so long
 embarked and living upon Salt
 Provisions, and at the same time
 receiving battle, Stock & Vegetables
 which this fertile and well cul-
 tivated Spot furnishes in
 the greatest abundance.

On the 12th Instant Sir Agony
 Beckwith marched with a part
 of the Troops upon a Reconnoissance
 against several Corps of the Enemy
 that had made their appearance
 near the Island: and the First
 Battalion of Marines were embark-
 ed and proceeded under the direc-
 tion of Captains Patterson and
 Maude towards Queen's Head,
 for a fuller description of the Op-
 erations on that occasion I beg