

against the Tide, I anchored them and proceeded with the boats abreast of the Town, and when within Grape Shot commenced our Fire, which the Enemy did not return and observing them abandoning the Town, I directed Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm to land with the Dragon's, Maclaus, and Havannah's Marines; before this was effected, the Inhabitants with the exception of two had entirely deserted the Town, and removed all their effects, except about forty Hogsheads of Tobacco and some Flour.

The Enemy in his haste to abandon the Town left behind him a Stand of Colours, several Musquets, Bayonets, and a quantity of Ammunition and Camp Equipage.

When the Schooners got up, about one hundred and fifty of the Royal Marines were landed in consequence of the Enemy, being in sight drawn up on a Hill, about a mile and a half above the Town, his Force appeared to consist of nine companies of Foot, a few horse, and three Field Pieces, Lieutenant Moore of the Royal Marine Artillery was advanced with the Rockets and two of them being thrown with great judgement, fell among the Enemy who soon retreated into the Wood behind the Hill, wishing to entice him to attack us in the Town I caused to be set on fire the Custom House and a Jail, but as he evinced no disposition to quit his fastness, I embarked the Troops at Sunset, and at daylight on the 3rd I again landed and completed Shipping the Flour and Tobacco; in the course of the day, a second Jail and the Court House was consumed without molestation from the enemy, though he frequently showed himself with increased Force.