

Call Winigans Marine
Railway Whitestone Va ADM 1/509/393-394 [145]
To verify Parker's Point Alexandria - Barrie
1-804-435-2173 October 31. 1814

to Cathers Point per J. J. 14, 1987

TO / ^{looked on 1852 map -}
Robert Barrie Esq. ^{no Parker's Pt.}
Captain of HM Ship Dragon ^{no Poplar Island}

probably Poplar Neck (Island)
at head of Fleet Bay above
Windmill Point see chart p 27
see better p 11 A-5 B-1

His Majesty's Post Vessel Devastation
off Poplar Island in the Chesapeake
October 31st 1814

Sir,

In obedience to your Order of yesterday, I this
Morning proceeded to Parker's Point with the boats and
detachment of Royal Marines you did me the honor to
place under my Command, in finding the Houses
deserted, I made dispositions for driving in Cattle.
Lieut. Frayer of the R.M. and Lieut ~~Alexander~~ Alexander
of the R.N. in advance with the Skirmishers.

On reconnoitring, I perceived the Enemy to be in
considerable force in Cavalry, therefore directed Captain
Cole (Royal Marines) to bring up the Main body to support
the advance, and the favorable position we had taken
up induced me to throw the Skirmishers forward to
entice the Enemy to make a Charge, which I am
happy to say had the effect, but the steady and gallant
reception, which I felt confident they would meet
with from the Royal Marines, who threw in a
destructive Volley, put them to flight, leaving two
killed, two Prisoners, and twenty Horses with their
accoutrements etc etc in my possession; I only regret
a Body of Infantry (chiefly Militia) from eight
Hundred to one Thousand with field Pieces, supported
this Squadron, in their attack, and have not a
doubt from the gallant intrepidity of the detachment,
the whole destruction of this Squadron, consisting of
one hundred & fourteen would have been effected.

Perceiving the Enemy's intention to cut us
from the beach, his very superior Force, the
difficulty I experienced in Landing, the Shallow water

mounted riflemen (dragoons)
see Va SP 267-8

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see Lockhart letter of commendation
to Alexander - Dec 10, 1814.