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Alexander to Barrie (cont)
approx the mile

not admitting the Boats to approach sufficiently near to cover us from their field Pieces, I judged it prudent to embark, which I am happy to say was effected without the loss of a Man, under the judicious arrangement of Lieut Fitzmorris of the Dragon.

To Captain Cole, R.M. commanding the detachment, I feel particularly indebted for his support, and I cannot sufficiently express my admiration of the gallant example shown by Lieut Frayer, R.M. and Lieut Alexander R.N. in advancing) with the Skirmishers and a party of Seamen in drawing the Enemy within our reach. I am convinced Sir, you will feel equal pleasure as myself, when I inform you, the Conduct of ~~the~~ Officers (every?) Officer, Seaman, & Marine, was such as to (entitle?) them to all praise I can possibly bestow.

Considering the Force we were opposed to, I feel great satisfaction in stating our loss to be trifling, three Seamen, & two Marines missing, and I only hope the Service performed by the detachment under my orders, will meet with your approbation.

I have the honor

to be
Sir
sic Barrie letter of
transmittal of 31 Oct. re
Lt. Alexander.

Your Obedient
humble Serv^t
Thos Alexander
Commander

P.S

From the Prisoners I learn, their Cavalry consisted of the — Reg^t United States Dragoons, the Infantry of Regulars, and Militia, with several Field Pieces: the whole under the Command of General Maddison. The Commanding Officer of the Cavalry was severely Wounded.

(Note. Per Butler ^{p260} Brig. Gen. Wm. Madison 1st Va. Reg^t Aug. - Dec. 1814
Lt Col. Stapleton Crutchfield (Spotsylvania) Hq. at Fredericksburg
Lt. Col. John W. Green ^{see p228} Mounted Infantry Reg^t Aug - Sept 1814 at Dumfries
Prince Genl Co.

Nicholas Alexander