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GC's copy shows that Lt. Col. Malcolm's and Capt Sheridan's letters were not copied by AC to London; I could look for them sw

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The Sloop Messenger

Rappahanock 7th Decr 1814

Sir,

I think this might be in GC's papers also!

Understanding by Signal from the Dotterel that you are arrived in the Chesapeake I lose no time in acquainting you that in consequence of information I had received from authority on which I could rely "that the Regiments of Virginia Militia, lately stationed on the Banks of the Rappahanock, had been for several days passed disbanded for the Winter and that most of the Troops belonging to the distant parts of the State were already returned to their homes"

I determined to proceed with the Forces named in the Margin up the Rappahanock, intending first to attack the Town of Tappahanock where I understood there was an Inspectors Tobacco Store, but my chief object in the Expedition was to annoy the Enemy by obliging him to reassemble his Militia, and by landing in different parts of the River, keep his Troops constantly on the alert, which in this Country at this

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Messenger
Little John
Bachelor &
Bachelor's Friend
Boats from
Dragon
Manelaus
Havannah
Brune

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