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Port Louis, Monday Morning  
Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1777

The chance of the French & some of  
it with the Indians are now lying in between  
between Sandy Point and Quarters Creek. Capt  
John Parker the commander has issued a manifest  
signifying his desire to exchange gold & silver for  
provisions, and in case the inhabitants refuse  
all, his resolution to take by force every thing  
wanted by his King's Ships. They have done so  
in the course of the River except by receiving  
some fugitive Negroes. But as they have been  
disappointed in their negotiations of trading, it is  
reported they will endeavour to pillage the inhabi-  
tants and destroy the plantations & houses on their  
shore. The people are well disposed to give battle to  
anyone who comes they may land, but have no  
arms to equip them in. The Station which  
ought to be guarded, and this country is so out-  
posted, that the Ships can fail to any point much  
sooner than the Men, who have arms, can reach it.

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