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The day before Yesterday in the Evening the Roebuck and other Ships returned down the River and came too about 15 Miles from this Place at two o'Clock Yesterday Morning Mr. Caine from Captn. Nicholson acquainting me that he intended to Attack the fleet at Day break I immeadiatly dispatched an Officer with orders if Possible to speak to Captn. Nicholson and let him know the Ships had returned down the River and where then within Nine or Ten Miles of them and that I did not think it Prudent to Attack them Colo. Barns had dispatched an Officer some time before the one I sent got over to his Camp but neither of them could Come up with Captn. Nicholson I Immeadiatly on Mr. Caine's the Letter Ordered the Troops under Arms and Dispatched Captn. Thomas with about forty on the Island to Alarm the Enemy on that Quarter. Major Eden with about the same Number on the Point with four Pounder and Took the Remainder 25 in Number on board of two Boats and Canoes & went down St Georges River as near the

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