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Dear Sir, Head Quarters St. George's
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Yesterday the Roebuck with the Fleet under her ~~Command~~ Convoy arrived here from their Cruize up the River, they were watched all the Way down by two Row Galleys from Alexandria, they will be here this Evening, and I expect to Night we shall engage the Fleet, the Roebuck stood down the Bay and is now out of Sight — the Defence made her appear yesterday Morning, but on the Boys warning out that it imprudent to stand down again We are preparing all the Boats We can get to fish in boarding all such Vessells as are not armed, I am in hopes We shall be able to give a good Account of them, — I most sincerely wish this Bashaw over, the Place is exceedingly disagreeable, not a Drop of Water but what is brought near three Miles, together with the uncomfortable Tents that we have, I am afraid will make us all sick, near half both of mine — Capt. Beall's Company are down the Militia do every duty so exceeding ill, and the Lurkers is so very intirsome to them that the whole Burthen

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