Sir — Copied

Leo. Town the 7th July 1702

7 An Saturday evening two Barges, under the command of Whaland, made an attempt to board a Brigg, from Alexandria, bound to Boston, at the mouth of St. Marys River, and after an hours engagement, at close quarters, were compelled to quit her. The Barges afterwards, landed on St. Georges Island, and left five Men mortally wounded, and two ded, they acknowledged to the People on the Island, they had twenty three Men killed, and wounded, and that their Barges were manned with sixty Men. The Brigg it is said had only seventen men, her loss not known, as she after the action, returned up Potomack. The Gentleman that informed me of the above, was in sight at the time it happened, and observed, that he did not suppose, a more gallant action, has happened this War, than was performed by the Briggs Crew. I give you this information in order that our Barges may be dispatched after those bandity chaps. And I