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MARYLAND INVADED.

From the information of Commodore Gordon, it appears the enemy have taken possession of Kent Island, and that the inhabitants of every description have removed to the main land.

It may be proper to mention for the information of our distant readers, that Kent Island is about twelve miles long from N. to S. and about six miles broad from E. to W. It lies directly opposite to Annapolis on the Eastern Shore, and forms a part of Queen Ann's County. It is fruitful, healthy and well supplied with wood and water.

From the circumstance of landing cannon on Kent Island, it appears to be the intention of the enemy to keep possession of it for some time; and certainly a more eligible situation could not have been selected for their own safety and convenience, or from which to annoy us. The Island is separated from the main land of the Eastern Shore by a narrow strait, at one place not more than a $1\frac{4}{4}$ ^{of a}/_{mile} broad, navigable only by boats or barges; their communication with the main land will therefore be easily effected, and some of the finest and best stocked farms in this state are along the shores of the rivers Chester, Wye and St. Michael in their immediate vicinity. A part of their fleet is now visible from this city between the head of Kent Island and the mouth of our river.

THE ENEMY.

Commodore Gordon has the honor to forward the following report for the information of the citizens of Baltimore.

U.S.Schooner Patapsco, off Hawkins's
Point, 6th. August, 1813.

James Martin, born in Harford county, Maryland, late of the schooner Laurestenus, and Thomas Mason born in Harford county, of the Privateer Rolla, left Elizabeth City (N.C.) last Monday three weeks, with a whale boat which they brought over land from a place called North landing to Kemps, which is nine miles across the land, and nine more to Norfolk, where James Riggen of Somerset county, Maryland, joined them, and were on their way up to Baltimore, when on passing Poplar Island, they were fearful of being discovered by the enemy in that neighborhood---and yesterday morning they landed upon Kent Island, where they hauled their boat up and concealed themselves and clothes in a cornfield; and on that evening the schr. belonging to the fleet sent in her boat and took said whale boat off with them. They then procured a canoe/~~one~~ ^{of} one John Tar, upon Kent Island, and left it last night at 12 o'clock for Baltimore. They report as follows---

The enemy landed about 300 men with three field pieces on Kent Island yesterday afternoon, have stopped the ferry from the Island to the main, and appear to be taking possession of the Island. A brig & schooner are in the mouth of Chester, sounding the channel, which the inhabitants suppose is for the purpose of getting some small craft, said to be up some creek. Last Saturday saw five sail of ships, lying in Lynnhaven Bay; Tuesday (sunset) saw a ship of the line and frigate off Rogers's Straits; Wednesday night saw eleven sail of large and small vessels, off Sharp's Island---yesterday (Thursday) saw one frigate above Kent Island. One

one ship of the line off the upper end of Kent Island, and one ship of the line, supposed to be one of the Admirals off the lower end of Kent Island.

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HEAD-QUARTERS.

Report from North Point)
August 7, 9 A. M.)

The ship that was under sail last evening, supposed to be a 74, lays this morning at anchor off the mouth of Chester river, with two tenders alongside, making signals probably to inform that our schrs. are under full sail standing down.

The ship which laid last evening below Sandy Point, on the Kent shore has not moved.

C.H.B.

HEAD-QUARTERS,

Report from North Point to General Smith

Monday Morning, August 16,)
half past 11 o'clock)

"At half-past ten A. M. observed signals made on board the admirals' ships; shortly after two frigates got under way, and beat down the Bay.

"At 11 the frigate that lay at the upper end of Kent Island got under way and is now beating down towards the fleet; there is also a schooner standing across the bay towards Annapolis; all the other vessels appear to be in the same positions as they were last evening."

Tuesday, 6 o'clock A. M.

At half past 5 A.M. perceived that one frigate, and two schooners, had left the fleet during the night---there is now a tender under way neat the Admiral's ship---all the other ships are apparently in the same stations they were last evening---there has been no other movement that I can discern.

A boat with four seamen (deserters) came in last night---they cut the fast during the squall. They say that the object of the barges coming into the River on Saturday night was to cut out the schooners, which they expected to find about the Bodkin---there were 600 men in 40 barges.

ATTACK ON ST. MICHAEL.

Extract of a letter from Easton dated, August 12.

The enemy have taken full possession of Kent Island and have fortified the narrows; their ships lie around the Island, several of them in the Eastern Bay and a brig has been up as high as Deep Water Point in Miles river.

Last Tuesday morning about 4 o'clock the British made an attack on St. Michael with eleven barges, they went up the river on the opposite side and came down on the side of St. Michael without making the least noise close in the shore, and, as it was very cloudy and our men in the Fort without suspicion of an attack, they had landed before they were discovered. Our men fired two guns and left the Fort of which the enemy immediately took possession and gave three cheers supposing they would have St. Michael without much difficulty, but they were very much mistaken; for the St. Michael's people and captain Vickers of the Easton Packet, with the artillery from Easton attacked them so briskly and pointed their guns with so much judgment, that our invaders were soon obliged to make off---the infantry were not engaged.

There were only four pieces of cannon in the battery one of which our own people spiked before they left it, the other three were spiked by the enemy; but they have all been drilled and are again ready for service.

We were fortunate enough not to have a man hurt, although the grape shot flew like hail in the town and their balls went through a number of the houses. The two shots that were fired from the Fort must have done some execution, as a good deal of blood was seen on the shore and two swords and a pistol were left behind, and their barges were seen

to be struck by the artillery from the town.

We expect every hour to hear of another attack on St. Michael as I have no doubt but they will return with a larger force; they are however well prepared for them, two companies from Easton have been there for the last week, they have just been relieved and have returned home. Should the enemy succeed in taking St. Michael, we may expect a visit from them (at Easton) but having already met with so unexpected a repulse perhaps they may not venture again."

COMMUNICATED.

The Regiment of Artillery under the command of Lieut. Col. Harris, with the exception of those companies designated for duty at the Fort, assembled yesterday afternoon on Hampstead Hill, and took possession of their Park. In a few minutes the whole was in motion and ready for the Field, completely furnished with every necessary implement, and with a full supply of ammunition. The park consists of thirty-one pieces.

The Regiment having been for a short time dismissed, was again formed upon the unexpected arrival of his Excellency, Mr. Gerry, Vice President of the United States, attended by Capt. Hughes of the Artillery. The V. President passed in front of the line, at the request of Col. Harris, and was pleased to express his gratification at beholding so fine a body of troops, engaged in the honorable and patriotic occupation of acquiring that skill which is necessary for the defence of their homes now threatened by the enemy's fleet in their waters.

ATTACK ON QUEEN'S TOWN

We are informed that a letter has been received by a gentleman in this city from Centreville which states, that about four o'clock in the morning of Saturday last, the enemy made an attack on Queenstown, in Queen Anne county, both by land and water; about 600 troops were landed and marched up to the town, and twenty armed barges made the attack by water---the attack was so unexpected that but little resistance was made, a picket guard of our militia ~~were~~ fired on by the enemy, one of them was killed and two or three wounded---the militia retreated to Centreville and left the enemy in possession of the town. It was expected that an attack would be made on Centreville which is the county town, distant fr. Queenstown about seven miles; and the women had all precipitately left the town.

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A few Illuminating Shells will be thrown from Fort McHenry between
the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock at night.

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H E A D Q U A R T E R S

Report from North Point, to General Smith.

Tuesday Evening, August 17th)
half past 6 o'clock.)

"About noon perceived a frigate going from the western side of the Bay, towards Kent Island, , and about 1 P. M. joined the fleet; same time observed one tender going from the fleet towards Annapolis. About 3 P.M. the haze cleared away, about Kent Island, counted 11 ships, 2 brigs 3 large and 3 small schooners along Kent Island, below Sandy Point; 2 ships and 1 small schooner, at upper end of Kent Island, and one 1 brig off Chester river. I also observed a Union Jack hoisted to a flag staff on top of a brick house on Kent Island, apparently opposite to Sandy Point!"

Extract of a letter from Annapolis to Gen'l Smith, dated
August 17, 1813.

"The main body of the enemy's fleet remain stationary, the two ships you mentioned came up yesterday, and two went down, and appeared to have come too opposite the mouth of Choptank. One sloop of war went down this morning, and a large frigate came up and anchored below the fleet. I think probably the enemy renewed their attack last night on St. Michael, or some other place, from the number of barges that were seen below Kent Point yesterday afternoon, and firing heard subsequent thereto.