

for this work, he is active and cheerful and never knows a difficulty, every one appears to do his best to meet his wishes - we have embarked a number of horses in each of our ships to mount the Artillery pieces and we have cut down trees to convert into flats for landing them and many other employes so that there is no idleness in the Fleet.

Sir Thomas Hardy has been successful in Cas. Megredy Bay, you will have seen his statement he joined us today. Our Anants from the Southward are possible the Indians are beginning to give much trouble to the Americans and so soon as a force can be sent to that quarter, which will be the case when the sickly season is past, they will find another Thom in their side.

The war is now carried on in every quarter with great animation and I trust that our success will induce them to make peace but I fancy the Yankees is very obstinate. When we proceeded up the Patuxent Capt. the Seahawk with the Euryalus two Bombs and a Rocket were sent to Stomach to make a diversion we have now from the Americans tell us that Fort Washington been destroyed. We are now all endeavouring to get into the Bay but the River is very narrow it is wonderful that no accidents have happened. There is not a pilot on board of any ship, I have not a person in my ship that was ever inside of Cape Henry before but the bottom is very soft.

General Ross is not very well I sincerely hope he will soon be strong again. We have great confidence in his ability he is a most excellent man and understands his business perfectly.

My Dear Nancy

As I am absent for some time I send you a copy of a letter that I wrote to a friend on the subject of our operations - I never is in with further much thought of - by the journal he will stand very high as a Soldier -