

That part of the enemy's force remaining in the *Patuxent* have committed continual depredations on the shores. They have burnt many houses, and, report says, carried off 300 negroes. Commodore *Barney* has been seriously indisposed, from constant exposure and continual exertion, but has recovered. At *Cedar Point*, in Charles county, where the British had commenced the stealth of a quantity of tobacco, they were attacked by gen. Stewart, of the Maryland militia, and driven off with precipitation and supposed with considerable loss. They opened a brisk fire of shot, shells and rockets, without injury to any of our force. The rockets seem to be contemptible things, and to be heartily despised after being a little accustomed to them. The British abandoned their plunder. The force ascending the *Potomac* had, however, passed the *Kettle Bottoms*. If this be true, it would seem as though they designed an attack upon *Alexandria, Washington, &c.* So far as in their power lay, they have desolated both shores of that river—burning, stealing and carrying off every thing. Negroes, particularly, seem objects of the greatest desire, and the miserable creatures flock to them in considerable numbers. The details of their exploits are too vague and diffusive to notice; but the war and its manner is savage.—Other rivers of Virginia have lately been visited by them, and the like scenes have occurred. On the 25th inst. gen. *Winder* visited and surveyed fort Washington, on the *Potomac*, made his arrangements for repulsing the enemy in his progress upwards and ordered that all vessels attempting to pass should be stopped, &c. One account says that since then they have gone down the river—and the whole seems likely to have been a mere stealing expedition—like thieves avoiding every place where the least resistance was looked for; and they have good intelligence through their friends on the shore. When any thing like a regular account of the late proceedings is published we shall not fail to record it. Without effecting any national or legitimate object, they have produced great individual distress.

Some part of the militia designed for the defence of *Baltimore, &c.* have reached the city.