could bear to lead such a life
of not only in some measure
inactivity but of infinite mi-
:sery seemd astonishing for they told me upon
enquiry that they were from
day light until 10 O'Clock at
night continually in the water
and that were very often obliged
in case of Kings Messengers
or that sort of thing to get
out of their warm beds & as usual
get up to their knees in the
water. they were both they
said exceedingly unwell

from Colds, & that a third
Man who did once belong to the
ferry a few days before was
lying at the point of death from Effect of Cold, &
mention all this merely because
I was so forcibly struck at
seeing fine young fellow who
ought to be serving their King & Country
either by Land or Sea, I mean
in a more active way, for
it will perhaps turn out &
I pray God it may, that they were
serving both, in bringing us over
the ferry — but of that hereafter
we called upon the Admiral
(Buckner) upon our arrival