

supposed they did not see
us for we have not been
able until now to stumble
upon them, tho always at our
rendezvous or very near it -
a Frigate from the Fleet just
bearing down upon us thank
God for things must now
come to a crisis - delay
might be dangerous, & it would
be a miserable thing after
beating up & down for two
or three weeks to go back

without doing anything -
Friday 20th this morning
was secured from the only com-
fortable sleep I have had
since I have been on board
(having had at least three
good hours sleep, or three hours
good sleep, and $\frac{1}{2}$)
with the noise of "Pick We
are in the middle of the fleet."
Afrim sight I have not for a long
time seen. Fourteen sail
of the line ^{six} frigates ^{two} ~~from~~
British & French of various sizes