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- gaps in that quarter - I save many a Bri-
- tish Ship from being made prize of -
but it has been most strangely - unaccount-
- ably - neglected - - so has the Delaware
from whence only **the French Army** at
Newport receive their Bread & flour -
But we now hope a better disposition
of our naval force will take place -
Monday July 2 - Obligated to discharge Mr
Makony - & it hurts me exceedingly - but
there was no avoiding it - I was reduced to the di-
- lemma of dismissing him or losing my
People - - all owing to an ill judg'd ^{man}
of carrying command - - ^{his usurp}
- ing in one instance of authority of ^{threatening to put} ~~prejudging~~
the best man I have on board a bigger
Ship - - a Fleet w^{ch} no inferior officer has
a right to make at any time - & it first in

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command ought never to do it but in very
provoking circumstances

Wednesday 4 - Have been very unwell these
3 or 4 days past - - but now something better
- - Rec^d a Letter from Delia dated Nov
1779 - I will grant her her request - & will
let her know it the first Opp^o - - -

Friday 6 - All quiet & easy on board Ship - amur
with the hopes of a convoy in a few days - Some troops
it is said are to be sent to Quebec or some German
officers - However, now that Old Arbuthnot is gone
He sail'd yesterday - we hope the New Comm^r will
attend a little more to ~~the~~ ^{the} merchant -

Wednesday 11 - More hopes of a Convoy than
ever - are told that one will be appointed
in about 10 days - - Since my arrival in
this City there have been brth in prizes -
& Confedary of 36 guns - & Protector ab^t 20