

forced, and falling back upon the Regiment, threw it into some Disorder, which occasioned them to retire upon the other Battalions; no Advantage being taken of this, they recovered themselves, and the whole formed in Front of the Village.

The Rebels, without advancing, cannonaded them in this Situation, and Colonel Rall moved forward to attack them, with the Regiments of Lossberg and Rall; in which Attack Colonel Rall was wounded, and the Regiments were made Prisoners. The Rebels then advanced to the Regiment of Knyphausen, and also made that Corps Prisoners.

Some few Officers and about two hundred Men of the Brigade, with the Chasseurs, and a Party of Dragoons, retreated to Colonel Donop's Corps at Burdenton, six Miles distant. Several Officers were wounded, and about forty Men killed and wounded.

This Misfortune seems to have proceeded from Colonel Rall's quitting his Post and advancing to the Attack, instead of defending the Village.

The Rebels recrossed the River Delaware immediately, with the Prisoners and Cannon that they had taken.

*Extract of a Letter from General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, dated New-York, January 5, 1777.*

IN Consequence of the Advantage gained by the Enemy at Trenton, on the 26th of last Month, and the Necessity of an Alteration in the Cantonments, Lord Cornwallis deferring his going to England by this Opportunity, went from hence to Jersey on the 1st Instant, and reached Prince-Town that Night, to which Place General Grant had advanced, with a Body of Troops from Brunswick and Hillsborough, upon gaining Intelligence that the Enemy, on receiving Reinforcements from Virginia, Maryland, and from the Militia of Pennsylvania, had repassed the Delaware into Jersey.

On the 2d Lord Cornwallis having received Accounts of the Rebel Army being posted at Trenton, advanced thither, leaving the 4th Brigade under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Mawhood, at Prince-Town, and the 2d Brigade with Brigadier General Leslie at Maidenhead.—On the Approach of the British Troops the Enemy's forward Posts were driven back upon their Army, which was formed in a strong Position, behind a Creek running thro' Trenton. During the Night of the 2d the Enemy quitted this Situation, and marching by Allen's Town, and from thence to Prince-Town, fell in on the Morning of the 3d with the 17th and 55th Regiments, on their March to join Brigadier General Leslie at Maidenhead.

Lieutenant Colonel Mawhood, not being apprehensive of the Enemy's Strength, attacked and beat back the Troops that first presented themselves to him, but finding them at Length very superior to him in Numbers, he pushed forward with the 17th Regiment, and joined Brigadier General Leslie. The 55th Regiment retired, by the Way of Hillsborough to Brunswick, and the Enemy proceeding immediately to Prince-Town, the 40th Regiment also retired to Brunswick.

The Loss upon this Occasion to His Majesty's Troops is 17 Killed, and nearly 200 Wounded and Missing; Captain Leslie of the 17th is among the few Killed, and for further Particulars I beg Leave to refer your Lordship to the inclosed Return. Captain Philips, of the 35th Grenadiers, returning from hence to join his Company, was on this Day beset between Brunswick and Prince Town by some lurking Villains, who murdered him in a most barbarous Manner; which is a Mode of War the Enemy seem from several late Instances to have adopted, with a Degree of Barbarity that Savages could not exceed.

It has not yet come to my Knowledge how much the Enemy has suffered, but it is certain there were many Killed and Wounded, and among the former a General Mercer from Virginia.

The Bravery and Conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Mawhood; and the Behaviour of the Regiments under his Command, particularly the 17th, are highly commended by Lord Cornwallis.—His Lordship finding the Enemy had made this Move-

ment, and having heard the Fire occasioned by Colonel Mawhood's Attack, returned immediately from Trenton; but the Enemy being some Hours March in Front, and keeping the Advantage by an immediate Departure from Prince Town, retreated by King's Town, breaking down the Bridge behind them, and crossed the Millstone River at a Bridge under Rocky Hill, to throw themselves into a strong Country.

Lord Cornwallis seeing it could not answer any Purpose to continue his Pursuit, returned with his whole Force to Brunswick, and the Troops upon the Right being assembled at Elizabeth Town, Major-General Vaughan has that Command.

*Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the following Corps of His Majesty's Forces, in the Jerseys. Friday, January 3, 1777.*

17th Regiment. 1 Captain, 12 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 4 Sergeants, 46 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Serjeant, 1 Drummer, 33 Rank and File, missing.

40th Regiment. 1 Lieutenant wounded; 1 Ensign, 3 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 88 Rank and File, missing.

55th Regiment. 1 Serjeant, 4 Rank and File, killed; 1 Ensign, 1 Serjeant, 2 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 1 Serjeant, 2 Drummers, 66 Rank and File, missing.

Total. 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 16 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 2 Ensigns, 5 Sergeants, 48 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 2 Ensigns, 5 Sergeants, 4 Drummers, 187 Rank and File, missing.

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Hon. Captain Leslie, of the 17th Regiment of Foot, killed.

Captain Philips, of the 35th, Grenadiers, killed, on his Way to join the Battalion.

N. B. Since the above Return many of the Men missing have joined their Corps.

It appears by the Muster-Master General Sir George Osborn's Return of the Hessian Troops, after the Affair of the 26th of December at Trenton, that the Prisoners and Missing amounted to about 700.

*Extract of a Letter from Governor Tryon to Lord George Germain, dated New-York, Dec. 24, 1776.*

ON the 10th Instant I reviewed the Militia of Queen's County, at Hampstead, when 820 Men were mustered, and on Thursday following I saw the Suffolk Militia, at Brookhaven, where near 800 Men appeared, to all of whom, as well as to the Militia of Queen's County, I had, in my Presence, an Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity administered.

I took much Pains in explaining to the People (having formed them into Circles) the iniquitous Arts, &c. that had been practised on their Credulity, to seduce and mislead them; and I had the Satisfaction to observe among them, a general Return of Confidence in Government. A very large Majority of the Inhabitants of Queen's County have, indeed, stedfastly maintained their loyal Principles, as have small Districts in Suffolk County.

Three Companies, I learned, had been raised out of Suffolk County, for the Rebel Army, most of whom, I was made to understand, would quit that Service if they could get Home.

I have the Pleasure to assure your Lordship, thro' the whole of this Tour I did not hear the least Murmur of Discontent, but a general Satisfaction expressed at my coming among them; and to judge from the Temper and Disposition I perceived in them, there is not the least Apprehension of any farther Commotions from the Inhabitants on Long Island. All are industrious in bringing to Market what Provisions the Island affords.

While on Long Island I gave Certificates to near 300 Men, who signed the Declaration prescribed by the King's Commissioners Proclamation of the 30th of November last. Large Bodies of the People have already taken the Benefit of the Grace therein offered them.