

Wanting some Supplies, we crossed the Sound to Huntingdon, and there continued till the Eleventh, and repassing that Day, anchored Five Miles from the Bay of Norwalk.

The Sun being nearly set before the 54th, the Landgrave's Regiment, and the Jagers were in the Boats, it was near Nine in the Evening when I landed with them at the Cow Pasture, a Peninsula on the East of the Harbour, within a Mile and an Half of the Bridge, which formed the Communication between the East and West Parts of the Village, nearly equally divided by a Salt Creek.

The King's American Regiment being unable to join us before Three next Morning, we lay that Night on our Arms. In our March at the first Dawn of the Day, the 54th led the Column, and soon fell in with the Rebel Out-Posts, and driving the Enemy with great Alacrity and Spirit, dispossessed them of Drummond Hill and the Heights at that End of the Village, East from and commanding the Bridge.

It being now but Four o'Clock in the Morning, and the Rebels having taken Post within random Cannon Shot upon the Hills upon the North, I resolved to wait until the Second Division, landing at the Old Wells, on the West Side of the Harbour, had advanced and formed the Junction.

General Garth's Division passed the Bridge by Nine, and at my Desire proceeded to the North End of the Village, from whence, and especially from the Houses, there had been a Fire for Five Hours upon our advanced Guards.

The Fusiliers, supported by the Light Infantry of the Guards, began the Attack, and soon cleared the Quarters, pushing the Main Body and an Hundred Cavalry from the Northern Heights, and taking one Piece of their Cannon.

After many Salt Pans were destroyed, Whale Boats carried on board the Fleet, and the Magazine, Stores and Vessels set in Flames, with the greatest Part of the Dwelling Houses, the advanced Corps were drawn back, and the Troops retired in two Columns to the Place of our first Debarkation, and unassaulted, took Ship, and returned to Huntingdon Bay.

We were waiting only for fresh Supplies of Artillery and Force adequate to the probable Increase of the Rebels, by the Decrease of the Objects of their Care, and the Alarm of the interior Country, when I was honored on the 13th, with your Command of the 12th, for the Return of the Troops with the Fleet to White Stone.

The Rebels in Arms at New Haven, were considerable, more numerous at Fairfield, and still more so at Norwalk.

Two Hundred and Fifty Continental Troops had now joined their Militia, under General Parsons, and together were said to be upwards of 2000. The Accounts of their Loss are vague, it could not be trifling.

The general Effect of the printed Address from Sir George Collier and myself, to the Inhabitants, recommended by your Excellency, cannot be discovered till there are some further Operations and Descents upon their Coasts. Many Copies of it were left behind at New Haven and at Fairfield. I sent one by the Rev. Mr. Sayre, their Episcopal Missionary, under Flag, to a Party in Arms, and received the Answer of Defiance, already transmitted. I regret the Loss of two Places of Public Worship at Fairfield, which took Fire unintentionally by the Flakes from other Buildings; and I gave strict Orders and set Guards for the Preservation of that burnt at Norwalk; but it is very difficult, where the Houses are close, and of very combustible Materials of Boards and Shingles, to prevent the spreading of the Flames.

I should be very sorry, if the Destruction of these two Villages would be thought less reconcileable with Humanity than with the Love of my Country, my Duty to the King, and the Law of Arms, to which America has been led to make the awful Appeal.

The Usurpers have professedly placed their Hopes of severing the Empire, in avoiding decisive Actions, upon the Waste of the British Treasures, and the Escape of their own Property, during the Protraction of the War.

Their Power is supported by the general Dread of their Tyanny, and the Arts practised to inspire a credulous Multitude with a presumptuous Confidence in our Forbearance. I wish to detect this Delusion, and, if possible, without Injury to the Loyalists.

I should do Injustice, if I closed this Report, without giving every Praise to the Troops I had the Honor to command.

Sir George Collier co-operated with us in the Direction of the armed Vessels employed in the Descents; and I have the Pleasure to add, that we had a perfect Concert of Opinion in the main Operations.

The Royal Refugees possess a Zeal, which, with their intimate and minute Knowledge of the Country, will always render them useful on such Services.

I must not withhold my Commendations even from the Mariners of the Transports who were generally employed in manning the Flat Boats and Bateaux, and who were as alert as if they had been intitled to National Rewards.

I have the Honor herewith to transmit your Excellency a general Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing on this Expedition.

*Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the King's Troops, under the Command of His Excellency Major-General Tryon, on an Expedition in the Sound, from the 3d of July to the 14th of July, 1779.*

At NEWHAVEN, July 5.

Guards. 1 Officer, 1 Rank and File, killed; 1 Officer, 1 Serjeant, 9 Rank and File, wounded; 14 Rank and File, missing.

7th, or Royal Fusiliers. 1 Serjeant, 7 Rank and File, wounded; 2 Rank and File missing.

23d, or Royal Welch Fusiliers. 1 Drummer, 1 Rank and File, wounded.

54th Regiment of Foot. 1 Serjeant, 5 Rank and File, killed; 2 Officers, 1 Drummer, 5 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Serjeant, 7 Rank and File, missing.

Landgrave Regiment. 2 Rank and File wounded.

Detachment of Yagers. 1 Rank and File wounded; 1 Rank and File missing.

King's American Regiment. 1 Officer killed; 1 Serjeant, 6 Rank and File, wounded.

Royal Artillery. 1 Driver wounded.

*Names of the Officers killed and wounded.*

Guards. Adjutant Campbell killed; Captain Parker wounded.

54th Regiment of Foot. Captain Bachop, Lieutenant Powell, wounded.

King's American Regiment. Ensign and Adjutant Watkins killed.

At FAIRFIELD, July 8.

Guards. 4 Rank and File killed; 1 Serjeant, 10 Rank and File, wounded; 2 Rank and File missing.

54th Regiment of Foot. 1 Serjeant wounded; 1 Rank and File missing.

Landgrave Regiment. 1 Rank and File killed; 1 Serjeant, 11 Rank and File, wounded.

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