

Dear Colonel,

Head Qrs Newtown Aug⁴ the 30th 79

I have the pleasure to inform you, that We yesterday gave the Enemy a total Rout, notwithstanding they were numerous and had taken a very advantageous Position. Our Loss during the day, fell chiefly on General Foot Brigade, as they it was more particularly engaged, and consisted of three killed and thirty four wounded, among the latter, are 3 Officers, whose Names and Rank (with the further particulars of the Action) the Officer who delivers you this, will be able to inform you, and to him I refer you.

I am instructed by Gen. Sullivan, to direct your sending by the express He has sent down, all the Salt you have in the Garrison. He apprehends your Wants of this Article will not be very pressing for of long duration, as you must shortly receive a very considerable supply from Wyoming. His Attention is by no means parallel. He likewise directs you, to send all the Cattle, Pack Horses &c. which you have collected since the Decampment of the Army, and to render their Passage less precarious, He wishes you to detach an additional Escort, with instructions, to Guard them to this place, from whence they will return. — I have the pleasure to subscribe myself with respect D^r C^t. J. M. Smith
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Upon further consideration, the General thinks proper
to direct, that you receive a sufficient quantity of
Salt for the use of the Garrison, until you think
the State will release from Westering.

As the Premier of this may not be prepared
to reach Bottom of the Bay in a little time,
it being necessary to inform you, that eleven of these
Bodies were found as 2 Persons were taken,
and that their wounded cannot be ascertained. We
have reason to suppose, from the usual proportion,
that their number of Wounded is very considerable.

Their great Address in removing their Dead,
and the roughness of the Country, which ~~was~~ tended
to conceal them, gives us taken great reason to
conclude, that their number of Men is much
greater than We can at present ascertain.

L R.R.

On public Service.

St. Commandant of the

Fort Sullivan.

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W. H. Sullivan.

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Boston 30th Aug. 1779

7th Sept 1788

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Fort Sullivan