

May Flewys Journal & Letter
to Hamilton

Nov 2. About 2 O'clock in the morning we
hear a great noise of Oars near the shore
of Province St. and the mouth of Schuyler Hall
a great number of vessels as far as we could
judge by their voices and the noise filled off
upon the bank around the Post House —
at 5 O'clock every thing was quiet again.

3. For two days past we have suspected that
the enemy's vessels made different turns in the
course of the night to the Auger's Creek
either to carry off the cannon which the galleys
had neglected throwing into the water on looking
horseman or to tow off the Hulk — but they
need a more important object of their utmost
day light service to us than two nights
labor — they are carrying a battery of heavy
cannon upon the hulk which is aground
on a sand bank, the galleys or not detain
them in their work — which if they finish
it will do great injury to our fort —
because you know there is no shelter for
our troops.

When Gen. Liff observed my zeal and my
 remembrance of Earl Kiffin in quality of
 Engineer he did not give me an iron to each
 co. that capacity and I can only advise
 without being heard. While Baron Grand
 was present he understood the military
 art and my opinions in regard of particu-
 cation were true - but he is absent and
 you know there are persons who know a
 great deal without having any credit
 and whose obscurity is equal to their in-
 sufficiency. However I do not complain
 of any one I confine myself only to observe
 that my zeal for your cause cannot be useful
 unless I am permitted to display it in a
 branch about I have studied x x x

I hope to do my duty in whatever way I
 may be made use of and to die in the
 breach if necessary - but I will observe
 that I thought myself superior in a ~~different~~
 different capacity than that of a promotion
 Let to W. V. 19. P III

Nov 14 The work upon the Augusta ~~Block~~
 which is interrupted by the opposition they
 meet here and with a cannon battery
 upon it - the land batteries on the
 are silent

There and the Ex^t order authorize
 me to exercise functions of Engineer
 by my constant attention I have endeav^d to
 know the real intelligence & activity of
 Col Smith.

Ball passes through chimney of ^{barrack} room
 when Col Smith is entering - ~~interfered~~
 fragments of brick ^{from these columns} ~~in~~ in high
 left arm - some time afterwards

Henry Journal

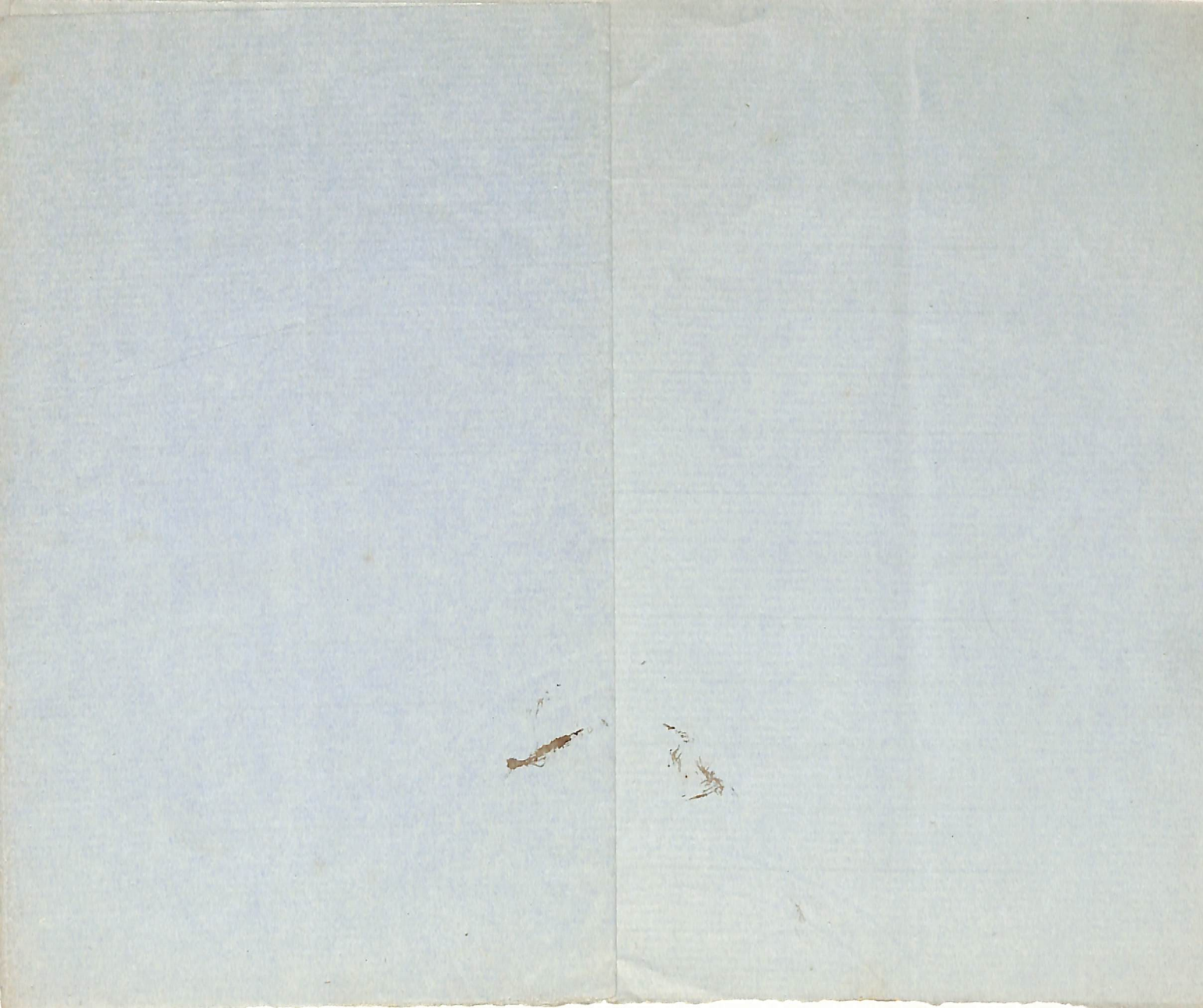
Nov 13 The enemy have kept up a strong
 part of the night. Their shells greatly disturb our
 workmen and as the moon rises opposite to us
 we expect to discover the enemy where we are

14 Their fire will kill as many as we can
 have no cover but it will never enter the fort of our
 have suff^{ic} courage to keep our ground.

S. Smith. Woodbury 15 Nov

My own will this night or tomorrow night
allow me to take command of the ship. I
was there last night: it is now in a heap of
ruin & must be defended with musketry in
case of storm. I propose the enemy will be
unable to command for some days & then
they will be obliged to storm. When they do I am
of opinion they will succeed. With God's aid
I think we could defend it as an island. Our
great dependence must be then being so
much exposed to storm.

Riedesel



John Stark born in Hatfield
New Hampshire New Hampshire
28 Aug 1728

In 1752 April 28 on hearing both
party in Western Quarter of the
State surprised by a party of ~~Indians~~
Indians. Taken compelled to run
the gauntlet - taken into prison -

redemmed by Jail Court of Mass.
During 4 months to prison among
Indians studied their character &
manners - Hunted & trapped

1754 Great Swam war was
between French & English for the
possession of the Province

In this year memorable project of
union of the colonies for defense

apt' Frank Johnson was
wounded at Albany Sept 4 July.
Some day let Washington Captain
tutor at Fort Mifflin.

In Frank was Hark acted
as lieutenant of Rangers.

Captain in 1758

at Pond Forge
Grand road from Crown point
to Cumberland River 1759

etc

He had served with reputation
as an officer of Rangers had been
present at the surrender of Ticonderoga
by General Pouch. Had assisted in
the capture of Louisbourg by Genl
Amherst. & had fought with success

at Quebec

His military that the recent
experience of the seven years war
had a salutary influence upon
the character of the Revolutionary
struggle D. Carroll.

Whether his manner after
receiving news of the surrender
of Fort Mifflin in 1775 Hark had
wounded his horse and was on his
way toward the Red Bank at West
Medford near Boston. Carroll

Mostly the well proportioned
strong action after he had been
killed by bullets of woodmen like
- ready. Kind - horrible - often
in battle - never wounded
man - work - of the experience

Knowlton. notice him whenever he
was engaged -

Meffen. see Graydon P 153

Justice. Long is long island
Westchester. He is
Delaware in

Graydon acc' of ~~was~~ the appearance
of troops.

notice Hasket. Small wood h

Pediment of camp at Harlem h

Extract of thoughts of a Freeman

That the money levied for shipping and marching so many miles by land & back

That the money spent in unnecessary marches has had a great tendency to fill the hospitals with sick

That more men will die this winter than it would have cost lives to have engaged the money last summer and fall -

That the general contempt shown to the soldiers by the standing force is a dangerous omen

That no army victory or yet obtained by the Army the soldiers have had the principal share. That the liberties of America are safe only in the hands of militia

That the War Congress has in many cases has been too much led by military men.

That the people of Am have been guilty of idolatry by making a man their god - and that the gods of heaven & earth will convince them by awful reproofs that he is only a man
That no god may be expected from the

standing army until Baal and his
leatherstockings be banished from the camp.

Before the above

That it is a great reproach to America to
say there is only one general in it

That several departments of the army
are in a very bad state -

That the head cannot possibly be found
when the whole body is disordered

To the Com. in Congress
submitted Jan 17 1778

Guler Letter to Washington
23 Jan 1778.

Questions to enter letter ^{in MS.} published on
Shanks - Line 8 after "Spurious" - "It
was certainly intended to answer the most
selfish and wicked purposes

I extracted from him the measure
I am pursuing to remark the author
and measures

Questions in Speeches various
of Fitzgerald's letters to Washington
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after "the times more"

as that gentleman always found himself
in the most odious act, of public speech
~~declared~~ I deferred writing on some little time, saying
I then after a short introduction to

I then returned to the Laurens ~~question~~
(notwithstanding his gentleman's acknow-
-ledged piety) did not give full credit to his
assertions about the delivery of the letter.
Mr Laurens then gave me an extract to

for evidence that abstract could abstract
for - "gentlemen who have been most active
in their business" - read - "dirty business"

Burgoyne -

To the charge of employing rascals -

I ever esteemed the Indian alliances at best a necessary evil. I ever believed their services to be over valued; sometimes insignificant, often treacherous always capricious; and ^{that} the employment of them was only justifiable when by being united to a regular army they could be kept under control.

It was long told the said to me of the greatest councils with the Indians that had been held at Montreal, and on this power by a single attack of letters to have given peace and splendour to a dozen nations; but owing to the premeditation of those men who in their zeal against the colonies, had

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adopted the reasoning that "partial
security was general mercy" he deter-
mined to be the Lord and not the executioner
to the State; and to other precautions to
restrain their severity he added that of a
Sovereign priest who had more control
over the passions of the Indians than all
other chiefs put together.

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The proclamation was dropped to
excite obedience first by encouragement
3 next by the dread, not the commission
of severity - to speak deeper, but we
none

At P'lauc le Corne (formerly a French
priest) and instrumental in scalpings

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many hundred ~~Indians~~ told us in the tent
was) the general said being by nature
education and practice, subtle, ambitious
and a courtier and without any long
a grudge for envying him so. The
use of the hatchet & the scalping knife, it
was natural for him to recommend
himself to universal favor by any
means in his power to cast upon an
unfortunate general. He was often elevated
by a noble Lord (L. G. G.) and with all these
disadvantages, he wished the noble Lord to inform
the house what they mean and presumed to
say. In private conversation his language
had been that the Indians might have
done great services but they were discharged.
As to restrain them from murder was to
discharge them - they were discharged.

"that circumstances should be shown say
that the Indians, and we I have at the
head of them, deserted."

Acad Map, vol 48.

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Gen Burgoyne communication to Paul

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From Emily's letter No

Allen killed a young lady, lovely to the
sight, of virtuous character and amiable
disposition, engaged to an officer of your
Army, was, with other women and children
taken out of a house near F. Co. carried
into the woods and there trampled and
mangled in the most shocking character.

Her parents with their six children were
all treated with the same inhumanity, whilst
eventually passing on their ever bloody journey.

The heinous fate of Mrs. Allen was
particularly aggravated by her being ordered
to remove her promised husband, but with her
murderer employed by you. Upward of 600
men women and children have perished by
the hands of the ruffians to whom it is allotted.
You have paid the price of blood.

Sent. May 1
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In regard to Mrs. M. R. her fall counted
not the tragic display you have labored
to give it. to make it all sincerely ab-
horred and lamented by all as it can
be by the condorm of her conduct. The fact
was no premeditated barbarity on the
contrary her death was brought her
off for the purpose of security not of violence
to her person. Reported which should be her
guard, and, in a fit of savage passion in
one from whose hand ^{she was snatched,} the unhappy
woman became the victim

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