

Extract of a letter from Albany

July 10 / 77

Retreat from Reading

~~was~~ batteries & retreated by water up  
the South Bay to Sheepshead. & had  
got within two miles of that place  
when the wind falling & being closely  
pursued by the enemy who had a  
brave ketch that outstayed them, after  
engaging them some time and not  
being able to row them quite to the  
landing to get some cannon on  
shore to make a stand were obliged to  
abandon boats and vessels & were  
attacked by the enemy, where they  
beat back; and as the wind rose  
Mr Pierce got up in time to save  
the military chest & public  
papers -

~~The day after the retreat the Governor~~  
at the fight of Plattsburgh Major  
Russell had his thigh broken

Plattsburgh June 26

July 23 / 77.

Col Stone who is the Governor of  
I. is now joined & is with a body  
of the enemy at Castleton 2

Excerpt of a letter from Moses Creek

July 20 / 77

We have just had a brush with the  
enemy of Tulloh? and in which  
Lieut Van Keeken was most valiantly  
killed and scalped. Two sergeants  
and two privates were likewise killed  
and scalped. One of the latter had both  
his hands cut off. They took a  
young woman, Lucy McEwen  
by name, out of a house at Tulloh  
carried her about half a mile into  
the bushes and then killed and  
scalped her in cold blood. They  
have killed and scalped another  
woman near the same place

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Spots taken a Willets, some  
money, blankets, officers baggage  
camp equipment. One of the soldiers  
had for his share a scarlet coat  
trimmed with gold lace to the full  
and three lined hats.

Wash Camp. Kettle. Blankets

Aug 24 / 77. Lieut Schurfer with the  
northern army is at Van Scharedt  
Island about 8 miles above Allang  
on a branch of the Mackenzie River  
where it unites with the Hudson.

Lieut Burgoys with the Post-coming  
is at or near Lieut Schurfer's post  
at Taretya about 28 miles above  
Allang.

Impediments thrown in way of the  
enemy - falling of trees, breaking up  
bridges, driving off cattle, burning  
cattle etc. Enemy in many places  
stopped to cut new roads.

"A certain hawk hunter named  
Shane"



Ex! of letter from John Adams to  
Sam'l Chase. July 1. / 70

Alas Canada! we have found  
misfortune and disgrace in that quarter  
- evacuated at last &c

The Romans made it a fixed rule  
never to send or receive ambassadors to  
treat of peace with their enemies, while  
their affairs were in an adverse or a  
dangerous situation. There was a  
generosity and magnanimity in this

becoming premier. It feared from  
that temper and those principles  
which alone can preserve the freedom  
of a ~~city~~ people. It is a pleasure to  
find our Americans of the same  
temper. It is a good symptom,  
portending a good end.

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