

Fort Moulton & Clinton

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Letter of Lt Col to H Clinton

Agreed with Com William to attack
by Camp I - main

Army 3000. arrived at Fort Moulton
preceded by feller under Gen Sal Wallace
on an appearance every retired without
firing a gun. The Sal moved up to
Peck's Hill creek to mask the only
communication across the river. Day
break 5th troops disembarked at Stony
Pt. 52nd 27th lefts loyal armed. 24th.
volunteers. Immigrants Provincial
Chasseurs. a small force of 500 Regt
400 Provincial Cam^d by Lt Col Campbell
with Lt Robinson of provincial under
him. marched to camp at Thunder
Hill. then by a detour of 2 miles round
the hill to debouch on the rear of
F Moulton which Lt Vaughan with
1200 Grenadiers & Infantry, 24th.
mounted dragoon & British Chasseurs
entered his march track. Fort Clinton
carrying the Corps of Lt Col Campbell
& a party to cooperate by attacking
F Clinton on the rear retreat. Gen
Byron with remainder. Local Indians
of Wisconsin (near 50) to leave and
retreat at Pass of Thunder Hill
to open communication with Peck

Detachment of Campbell could not get
in near till 5 o'clock - when
Lieut. Vaughan began attack on
Fort Clinton



~~after advancing~~
Fort Clinton a circular height
defended with a line of masonry
battlements in the center of which
flanked by two redoubts &
a brick attack on the masonry
with the gullies with their ears
approaching, firing and soon
striking the fort. The men of war
at that time appearing crowded
all had to support us - I ordered
that not a shot should be fired.
Both redoubts were stormed.

It was near 8 o'clock on the
night before we could be certain of
the success of the attack on Fort
Clinton; -

Maj. Lieut. Vaughan, battery of
cavalry.

Cavalry being a nucleus for almost every
villain in the country I judged it neces-
sary to proceed to that town - on our ap-
proach they were drawn up with the
cannon which we took & drove them out of
the place. On our entering the town they
fired from their houses, which induced me
to reduce the place to ashes, which I
accordingly did, not leaving a house.

See
{ Letter of Washington to John Parker
Custer June 18. 76
Rumney Marsh Gazette
Feb 21. 70.

