

My Dear Aunt Sarah 10<sup>th</sup> - Last Letter

I have received your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> July  
by the Packet, the Newcastle is not  
arrived she will be there that you  
sent to the Admiralty, always write  
by Packet, directing N<sup>th</sup> America -  
I am much gratified by your want of  
paper but may be be preserved to  
us - I shall write you a sort of  
journal of our proceedings free  
from our private affairs - as no  
doubt numbers will apply to you  
for news - the Americans must  
make peace their country is just  
defenceless - and if we should

we might destroy as much as  
was concerned necessary - if the war  
continues, we must levy contributions  
for the expense of it on the countries  
that are captured - we see how sorry  
to Baltimore my ~~wonderful~~ objection is  
the sickly season, <sup>and its being to stop for a</sup> I wish that we  
<sup>could de Mexico</sup> had gone to the north? for two months  
and then returned - the Americans in  
general are very cross to the war  
they have nothing to animate them,  
and their only pleasure is visiting  
at each other, which they do to  
perfection - the wind is fair and  
I shall be at the mouth of the  
Potomac to night. I trust we  
shall succeed, but I fear our

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informator is not sufficiently correct  
the Admiral has been over persuaded  
to change his plan of operations -  
and I think so has the General  
by Cockburn and the Duke of Devonshire  
General both Desiring some more  
full of Real and enterprise  
but will rather rest

16<sup>th</sup> Sept

I promised you a journal and  
have not time for a long letter as  
I get from the Admiral to day  
I will just give you a succinct  
view of what has happened that you  
may know the story  
we landed on the 12<sup>th</sup> fourteen  
miles from Beltravere at North  
point. I took care of the

Several about five or six miles  
on the road, at two o'clock. At  
three the enemy were discovered  
and just as our troops were  
formed an unfortunate ball  
struck my esteemed and fellow  
friend - the only words he  
spoke - were take me to the  
Royal Oak and if I die request  
the General to write my wife,  
I sincerely lament that I had  
formed a strong friendship for  
him and it was reciprocal  
he was not only a brave, but  
he was a good man.

he was always in the front, at  
Washington he escaped by  
miracle, he had two horses  
shot under him. I have written  
to Mr Poppe she is at Bristol  
with his Brother. He died on  
his way to the beach in the  
arms of a Lieut of the Royal Ark  
who had always accompanied  
him, I have had his body  
preserved, and we purpose  
burying him at Halifax and  
erecting a Monument.

our Army defeated the Americans  
but on their approach to  
Belthoise they found it.

defended by a strong entrenched  
camb with double their  
numbers to defend it -  
we had got within shot of  
the Batteries - but they had  
sunk Ships to prevent our  
approach our Bombs could  
only throw shells into the  
Tents they could not reach  
the Town - Sir a Cochrane  
was in the Submarine and  
your friend in the Lee Horse  
with Jordan is fine a fellow  
as ever still -

It became a question

whether the Canal should be  
stormed - it was considered that  
we might force the works, but  
that our loss would be more  
than our little Army could  
stand - it was therefore  
resolved to retreat until  
they did not imbrued  
without satisfaction.

If the General had lived he  
would have retreated,  
and there is only this to be  
said that on approaching  
Bellevue it was found  
to strong and we were wh

the enterprise being best a  
superior force on the road -  
my own opinion is that if  
it had been attacked in the  
night by the Beyouat ~~etc~~  
should have succeeded but it  
was a greater risk than  
Capt. Brooke was authorized  
to run - he is a very good  
Officer, we have not lost many  
men - they all did their duty  
generously - the Secmen were  
particularly - steady - six hundred  
of them were or there



James. as usual got credit  
he knows his business but his  
Magazine is a great book  
Col<sup>l</sup> Patterson of the 21<sup>st</sup> it is  
disturbing to see so fine a  
Regiment in the back ground  
from the heads westward that  
necessity strike -

I am just returned to my  
ship we all find occupation  
and our ships are generally  
covered every day -

I neglected my journal  
~~but~~ and it is now too late  
to file it wh. you must  
be contented with this

I never was in better health had  
weak eyes with me -  
I told you in my last that  
Capt. Dix was appointed to the  
Members, Capt. Crofton who takes  
charge of this, was my Captain for  
a few days - he appears a  
gentleman like man he was only  
acting - there is an old friend of  
mine on this Astor that I hope  
to get hold of, Capt. Pierce,  
I have now got half my lower  
Deck furs, so that I begin to  
hold up my head, but this  
war must not continue  
we should make Peace as soon  
as possible -

I shall write you by the Packet  
my kind Love to the Home keep  
our dear George —

ever yours  
T. H. Madam

James Perley commended the Ladies  
that were landed from the Royal ship  
he is a spirited fellow

you will see Capt. Cotton he  
was in the action with James  
when you have heard his story  
write James —

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10<sup>th</sup> Sep -  
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London

