

early accounts of it but every officer whose business it was to have informed you was either killed or wounded, and our distressfull situation put it out of our powers to attend to it so much as we would otherwise have done.

The 9th Instant we passed and repass'd the Monongahela by advancing first a party of 300 men which was immediately follow'd by another of 200, the General with the Column of Artillery, Baggage and the main Body of the Army passed the river the last time about one o'clock; As soon as the whole had got on the Fort side of the Monongahela we heard a very heavy and quick fire in our front, we immediately advanced in order to sustain them, but the Detachment of the 200 and 300 men gave way and fell back upon us which caused such confusion and struck so great a Pannick among our men that afterwards no military expedient could be made use of that had any effect upon them; the men were so extremely deaf to the exhortations of the General and the officers that they fired way in the most irregular manner all their amunition and then run off leaving to the Enemy the Artillery amunition Provision and Baggage nor could they be perswaded to stop till they got as far as Guust Plantation, nor these only in part many of them proceeding even as far as Coll Dunbars party who lay six miles on this side; The officers were absolutely sacrafised by their unparalel'd good behaviour, advancing sometimes in bodys & sometimes seperately hoping by such example to engage the Soldiers to follow them, but to no purpose.

The General had five horses shot under him and at last receiv'd a wound through his right arm into his Lungs of which he died the 18th Ins^t Poor Shirley was shot thro' the head, Cap^t Morris wounded, M^r Washington had two horses shot under him and his cloaths shot thro in several places behaving the whole time with the greatest courage and resolution. S^r Peter Halket was killed upon the spot Coll Burton and S^r John S^t Clair wounded, & Inclosed I have sent you a list of the Killed and wounded according to as exact an account as we are yet able to get.

Upon our proceeding with the whole convoy to the Little Meadows it was found impracticable to advance in that manner, the General therefore advanced with twelve hundred men with the necessary Artillery amunition & provision leaving the main body of the convoy under the Command of Coll Dunbar with orders to joyn him as soon as possible, in this manner we proceeded with safety and expedition till the fatal day I have just related and happy it was that this disposition was made otherwise the whole must have either starved or fallen into the hands of the Enemy as numbers would have been of no service to us, and our provision was all lost.