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Stricker to Maj. Gen. Smith, dated

Head Quarters, 3d Brigade,
Baltimore, Sept. 15, 1814.

Major Gen. S. Smith,

Sir—I have the honour to report to you, that in obedience to your orders, I marched from Baltimore on Sunday the 11th inst. with part of my brigade, as the advanced corps of the army under your command. My force consisted of 530 of the 5th regt. under Lt. Col. Sterrett, 620 of the 6th under Lt. Col. McDonald; 500 of the 27th under Lt. Col. Long; 450 of the 39th under Lt. Col. Fowler; 700 of the 51st under Lt. Col. Amey; 150 riflemen under Capt. Dyer; 140 cavalry under Lt. Col. Biays; and the Union Artillery of 75 men, with 6 4 pounders, under Capt. Montgomery, making an aggregate of 3185 effective men. I moved towards North Point by the main road, and at 8 o'clock p. m. reached the meeting house near the head of Bear Creek, 7 miles from the city. Here the brigade halted, with the exception of the cavalry who were pushed forward to Gorsch's farm, 3 miles in advance, & the riflemen who took post near the blacksmith's shop, two miles in advance of our encampment. At 7 o'clock on the morning of the 12th, I received information from the advanced videttes that the enemy were debarking troops from and under cover of their gun vessels which lay off the bluff of North Point within the mouth of the Patapsco river. I immediately ordered back my baggage under a strong guard, moved forward the 5th and 27th regts. and my artillery, to the head of Long-Log-Lane, (so called) resting the 5th with its right on the head of a branch of Bear creek, and its left on the main North Point road, while the 27th was posted on the other side of the road in line with the 5th, its left extended towards a branch of Bear creek. The artillery I posted directly at the head of the lane in the interval between the 5th and 27th. The 39th occupied a ground 300 yards in the rear of the 27th, and the 51st the same distance in the rear of the 5th, extending each parallel to the front line. The 6th regt. was thrown back to a position a short distance this side of Cook's tavern, and a half a mile in the rear of the 2d line. My orders were, that the 5th and 27th should receive the enemy, and if necessary fall back thro' the 51st and 39th, and form on the right of the 6th or reserve regt. The riflemen were ordered to the skirts of a thick low pine wood beyond the blacksmith shop, with a large sedgewood in front, that as the cavalry were still in advance who would inform of the enemy's approach, they might take advantage of the covering of the wood and annoy his advance. I soon learnt that the enemy's advance party was moving rapidly up the main road, and the cavalry continually announced their progress, I flattered myself with the hope that the riflemen

would soon proclaim by a galling fire their still nearer approach. Imagine my chagrin when I perceived the whole rifle corps falling back upon my main position, having too credulously listened to the groundless information that the enemy were landing on Back river to cut them off. My hopes of early annoyance to the enemy being thus frustrated, I threw the riflemen on the right flank of my front line, thereby with the addition of a few cavalry very well secured that flank. My videttes soon brought information that the enemy in large force was enjoying himself at Gorsch's farm. Insulted at the idea of a small marauding party thus daringly provoking chastisement, several of my officers volunteered their corps to dislodge it. Capt. Levering's and Howard's companies from the 5th, about 150 in number, under Major Heath of that regt. capt. Aisquith's and a few other riflemen in all about 70; one 4 pounder and ten men under Lt. Stiles, and the cavalry, were immediately pushed forward to punish the insolence of the enemy's advance, or, if his main body appeared, to give evidence of my wish for a general engagement. The latter purpose was soon answered; this small volunteer corps had proceeded scarcely half a mile before the main body of the enemy sheved itself, which was immediately attacked. The infantry and riflemen maintained a fire of some minutes, and retired with some loss in killed and wounded; the cavalry and artillery owing to the disadvantageous grounds not being able to support them. In this skirmish Maj. Heath's horse was killed under him. At half past 2 o'clock the enemy commenced throwing rockets across my left flank, which seemed harmless, and had no other effect than to prepare my line for the sound of artillery, which was soon commenced by us on the enemy's right column then pushing across towards my left, and returned by their 6 pounders and a howitzer upon my left and centre. The cannonade was brisk for some minutes, when I ordered my fire to cease until the enemy should get within close range of canister; seeing that my left flank was the main object of the enemy, I bro't up the 39th into a line on the left of the 27th, and detached two pieces of artillery to the left of the 39th; still more securely to protect my flank, Col. Amey of the 51st was ordered to form his regiment at right angles with my line, resting his right near the left of the 39th. This order he badly executed created for a moment some confusion in that quarter, but was soon rectified by the efforts of my aid-de-camp and brigade majors, who corrected the error of Col. Amey, and posted the 51st in its ordered position. The enemy's right column displayed and advanced upon the 39th and 27th. The 51st, unmindful of my object to use its fire in protection of my left flank in case an attempt should be made to turn it, totally forgetful of the honour of the brigade, and regardless of its own reputation, delivered one random fire and retreated precipitately, and in such confusion, as to render every effort of mine to rally them ineffective. Some disorder was occasioned in the second battalion of the 39th by the flight of the 51st, and a few gave way. The fire now became general from left

to right; my artillery in the centre poured forth an incessant volley of canister upon the enemy's left column, who were endeavouring to gain the cover of a small log-house, about 50 yds. in front of the 5th—which, however, precaution had been taken to fire, so soon as Capt. Sadler's Yagers from the 5th, who were originally posted there-in, should be compelled to leave it. The enemy's line advanced about 10 minutes before 3 o'clock, with a severe fire, which was well returned by the artillery, the whole 27th the 5th except the three companies of Captains Levering, Howard and Sadlers, which were much exhausted by the advanced skirmish of the two former—and the ordered retreat of the latter to resume their positions in line; and from the first battalion of the 39th, who maintained its ground in despite of the disgraceful example set by the intended support on the left. The fire was incessant till about 15 minutes before 4 o'clock, when finding that my line now 1400 strong was insufficient to withstand the superior numbers of the enemy, and my left flank being exposed by the desertion of the 51st, I was constrained to order a movement back to the reserve regiment under Col. McDonald, which was well posted to receive the retired line, which mostly rallied well. On forming with the 6th, the fatigued state of the regiments and corps which had retired, and the probability that my right flank might be turned by a quick movement of the enemy in that direction, induced me, after proper deliberation, to fall back to Worthington's mill; which I was the more persuaded to, by my desire to have the 6th regt. whose officers and men were eager to share the dangers of their brother soldiers perfect & and in good order to receive the enemy on his nearer approach to the city. All retired as I could wish, and were ready to act as circumstances might require. In this situation you found the Brigade on the morning of the 13th, somewhat fatigued, but with increased confidence in ourselves, and renewing our preparation for the annoyance of the enemy alone, if deemed proper, or in conjunction with any other force.

I have thought it due to the merits of my brigade, to detail thus fully their whole movement, and I feel a pride in the belief that the stand made on Monday, in no small degree tended to check the temerity of a foe, daring to invade a country like ours, and designing the destruction of our city, in whose defence some of the best blood of the country has already been spilt, and for whose safety and protection the citizen soldiers of the 3d brigade are ready to suffer every privation, and meet every danger. Should report be true (and I doubt not the fact) that the enemy's commanding officer, Major Gen. Ross, was killed in this action, and that the enemy suffered in proportion to his superior numbers, I shall feel still more the valuable consequences of our fight.

The conduct of many company officers and privates was such as I calculated on—that of most of my field officers also merits my particular notice. Major R. K. Heath of the 5th, who led on the advanced party to bring on the action, behaved as became an officer; the facts of his first horse being killed

...principles of American and policy, and the tradition of every great... Navigation, trade... wealth, upon... constitution, with... the foundation of per... strength and inde... well might disappear... the measure of our... edious, despotic, and... way, as detailed on... whole bent and em... in power for four... been to engage me... and fear, from use... cious projects of p... politics. Instead of... it had been secured... the national securi... in a plain, honest... course of public... wisdom, they have... and continued state... commotion, the more... justify their absurd... bious designs. It... to have been no fun... of the American... national interest, which... arm has not been y... and this by the... and have been... and promising... and secure those int... more effectually... dices, the constituted... States, once in ven... ways, and necessary... of the people has been... every article. The... has been established... laws. Property has been... able possessor, with... by the military... orders. Treasures seized by mil... have been torn from... transported to the sea... and discharged with... or redress for ruin... of fortunes... lawfully issued, and... been illegally with... citizens appointed by... president, only be... were to be gratified... corps act, the only... curity against tyrann... personal liberty, has... in time of peace, to... overawe freedom of... stions, frequently on... were, often most penal... have been determi... the executive, contrary... support and obligation... ndence of the judges... away by the legisla... commendation of the... the office of judge if... on the will of the... majority, against... of the Constitution... they shall hold their... behaviour. This... of usurpation, independent department... subject to the... and in each sub... ver, liberty and pr... dependent on party... good behaviour... the... of the restricted... independent branch of... government has been annihilat... making a precedent, and produc... of consequences fatal to the... rights and liberties of the people, as... secured by themselves.

To perpetuate the political stagn... dency, and in violation of the p... ciples and interests of the country... a pernicious usurpation of... states and persons, has been creat... This has been effected.

By making men... that quarter of their influence, favorable to... southern domination and... dency.

By employing immense sums taken from the treasury, in the purchas... of an useless foreign country, and... converting it into a market for the... purposes of multiplying official... dependents, and giving preponderance to Virginia and the southern states in the national legislature and coun... cils.

By changing the constitution... the... the president by which the... larger states are enabled to control... the smaller, and make traffic of their... impotent power.

By the monstrous usurpation of... nominating a president and vice... president at the seat of government... in the votes of strangers, and under... the smiles and patronage of the... didate's projects, instead of leaving... the nomination to a free and un... bought people.

By proscribing men for their op... ions, and banishing from trust... and employment, the friends of... Washington and his policy, thereby... depriving the nation of the counsels... and support of its wisest and best... citizens, and alienating men's minds... from the love of each other and... their common country.

By multiplying offices and salaries... and appointing officers civil and mil... itary, without experience or know... ledge, remarkable chiefly for party... violence and incapacity, consequen... ly more dependent on the will and... opinions of the president, and his... weak but rash advisers.

By conferring high offices on stran... gers, possessing no attachment but... to the party which appoints them, and by these instruments strength... ening themselves in office at the risk... of exposing the people to the int... lligence, ignorance and passions of... foreign agents—men who it must be... evident cannot love our country, nor care for our interests.

And finally, by violating the free... dom of speech and opinions, over... owing elections, and introducing... terror and military despotism.

Taking a view of legislation and... executive conduct, a scene of weak... ness and deplorable mistakes unfolds... itself. The American freeman who... reviews all the mass of political in... trigues, imbecility and corruption... may well exclaim, "Give us back... peace and the honest policy of... Washington." Year after year has... passed away in busy and obscure... mischief—in holding out false hopes... —in ambiguous presidential mes... sages—in feigned negotiations—in... multirarious projects, and in contra... dictory and futile resolutions—in... cease boasting, and inflammatory... speeches—our imbecile, threatening... against our foreign government, and... absurd submissions and even aid to... number, more innocently a wrong... doer.

By all these the public mind was... kept distracted, and the great pur... poses of steady, useful government... overlooked or abandoned. The sub... stantial interests and prosperity of... the nation literally and shamefully... sacrificed.

Novelties, most inconsistent with... our ancient habits, and most injuri... ous to American rights and interests... have been introduced and perpetrat... ed in the almost entire subver... sion of the forms of American pol... ity.

[To be concluded in our next.]

Private Sale

I will sell at private sale a Lot in... Queen Anne's Parish, George's County... conveniently situated, and an excellent... stand for a person wishing to enter... into the mercantile business, or to a... person who wishes a stand for a tavern... and perhaps no village in the state can... be found, at which a decent tavern... more wanted.

On the lot is a large store house, a... counter, shelves, &c. ready for the... reception of a quantity of dry goods... of groceries, and a very good... house, with six rooms above, three... below, a paved court, and a... old building on the side, with... rooms below and two above, for... all years rented as a tavern, and... may be known by application to... J. J. JONES, Auctioneer, Queen Anne's... August 29.

With English Emery... Now at the plantation on... Queen Anne's Parish, George's... County, where the days past... winter may be had in plenty, by... the slaves, on application to... J. J. JONES, Auctioneer, Queen Anne's... August 29.

Arundel County Court, April Term, 1814. On to the judges of Anne... county court, by petition, in... Larkin Hammond, of said... saying the benefit of the act... of sundry insolvent deb... at November session, eight... ed and five, and of the seve... ements thereto, on the terms... in the said act, a schedule... erty and a list of his credi... th, as far as he can ascertain... irected by the said act, be... to his petition; and the... court being satisfied that... Larkin Hammond has resided... preceding years, prior to his... cation, within the state of... and the said Larkin Ham... g stated in his petition that... the custody of the sheriff of... del county, and prayed to... ged therefrom, it is there... ed and adjudged by the said... t the said Larkin Hammond... ed, and by causing a copy... to be inserted in the Bla... zette, once a week for three... months before the third... of September next, give no... creditors to appear before... county court, to be held at the... napolis on the third Monday... ber next, for the purpose of... ding a trustee for their bene... shew cause, if any they have, aid Larkin Hammond should... the benefit of the said acts,... plements thereto, as pray... st.

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and scows to the landing, and... unds in Cypress and Chesnut... e former suitable for plank... es, being impervious to water... troy every other kind of tim... they leave the Cypress un... the latter suitable for fence... tri are a grist and saw mill, a... dwelling house, three log ca... s, a black-smith's shop, a co... use, and several out houses... not mentioned here. Should... is not sold by next October... y will then be offered at Pub... Persons disposed to buy may... at bargains by applying to... JNO. JAS. BROOKE, Auctioneer, 2... 1814. 5/12 allms.

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...citizens. The actual calamities brought on our country, by evil counsils, and the dangers which surround it, seem to have arrived at an extremity demanding the immediate interposition of the people. The capacity, virtue, and policy of the two parties have had a fair trial; the people have only to compare the past with the present, in order to decide between them. The professional and pretentious aristocracy, and the ignorant and unprincipled mob, as well as the unprincipled and dishonest ruffians. The Federal republicans of these times appear to lack conscious of the true and ardent attachment to the constitution and liberties of their country, established by their own fathers, and the just claims of the people, which are a part of their public confidence. We trust that the measures, which are now overweighing our country, and which are particularly those which have no interest in this war, will be their loss by the interposition of the constitution, by war prices, by increased taxes, and the prospect before them. Had the last twelve years, like the first, been devoted to a peaceful policy, and to the attainment of those measures, those immense benefits which our

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