

Fire on the part of the French diminished & became
 less frequent began to suspect that their Ammunition was
 near spent (for they had only a Handfull of Ball each
 & powder in proportion distributed to them when they were
 sent from the Fort) ordered a Parley to be beat, not induced
 thereto as was asserted by the great Top his Men had suffered
 for on their side only one Cadet & 2 private Soldiers had been
 killed, but their Officer being apprehensive as I observed
 on account of his Ammunition his provision of Victuals
 being also inconsiderable & finding the Troop that he com-
 manded for the most part raw & undisciplined would not be
 easily prevailed on to forsake their Trenches & storm the Trench-
 ment thought proper to offer Terms rather than run any Risks
 not doubting but the English would on their miserable Situa-
 tion & not sensible what were his fears & Apprehensions grate-
 fully accept any Conditions that he should be pleased to
 offer in which Opinion he was not indeed at all mistaken.
 The Day after signing the Capitulation Mr Washington
 retreated with the English that survived to Mills Creek &
 shortly after descended to Alexandria a Town in Virg^a situate
 on the Navigable water of Potowmack. The 17th of July I
 once more met our Assembly & apprizing them of what had hap-
 pened pressed them to grant immediate Supplies for the Service.
 Their Consternation that Washington's Defeat had occasioned
 inclined many of them to grant a Sum of Money at this time
 in any manner that the Gov^t should think proper but some
 of the leading Patriots as they stile themselves contrived to
 insert some Clauses in the Bill which were by no means
 agreeable & which it was scarcely consonant with his Top's
 Instructions for me to pass; however I was prevailed on by the
 Council to accept \$6000 on the Terms it was offered, but
 from some late Instructions that I have received I am a