

engagement between the Troops commanded by General
 Bouchard & the French from Fort Duquesne on the
 Ninth Inst. In the morning of that Day the General
 passed the Monongahela twice the last time at about 7
 miles from the French Fort; a Party of 300 Men having
 passed the River advanced toward the Fort & was imme-
 diately followed by another of 200, the General with the
 Column of Artillery Baggage & the main Body of the
 Army got over about One o'clock when they heard a very
 heavy & quick Fire in the Front. The General with the
 main Body immediately advanced in Order to sustain them
 but the Advanced Detachments giving way & falling back
 on the main Body caused great Confusion & such the Men
 with such a Panic that afterwards no Military Expedient
 which could be used had any Effect they were deaf to the
 Exhortations of the General & the Officers who advancing some-
 times in Bodies & sometimes seperately were sacrificed by the
 Soldiers declining to follow them. The General had six
 Horses shot under him before he received a wound thro his
 right Arm into his Lungs of which he died the fourth
 Day after. Sr Peter Balthart & the General's Secretary
 were killed on the Spot, Sr John St Clair is wounded but
 there is room to hope he will recover. The inclosed is a
 particular Account of the Officers that fell & of those that
 survived the Action, the Number of private Gentles killed &
 wounded is about 600. At the Little Meadows which lies
 about 25 Miles Westward from Fort Cumberland the General
 finding it impracticable for all the Troops to advance farther
 together selected 1200 of the best & proceeded with the necessary
 Artillery Ammunition & Provision leaving the main Body of