

the Convooy under the Command of Colonel Dunbar who had Orders to join him as soon as possible. I collect from some former Letters which I received from the Camp that the General had only four Moutzgers & four regts of Cohorns with him from the Train which with the Ammunition Baggage & Provision are fallen into the hands of the Enemy when Col: Dunbar (who I have reason to apprehend) was about 40 miles behind the General was apprized of this fatal Accident finding the Troops extremely reduced & weakened by this Action & Sicknes he judged it impossible to attempt any thing farther with probability of Success in returning to Fort Cumberland with every thing that he is able to bring but as his Horses were reduced & much enfeebled & many Carriages wanted for the wounded Men, to prevent their falling into the hands of the Enemy he has destroyed most of the Ammunition & the superfluous Provision that was left to his Care. Capt Orme does not describe to me the ~~place~~ situation of the Place where the Battle happened, how great was the Number of the Enemy, whether they consisted principally of Regular Troops or Indians or wherefore they permitted the English to bring off their wounded.

He only says
 "By the particular Disposition of the French & Indians it is impossible to judge of the Numbers the Enemy had that Day in the Field." When I received this Account I was on my way to Fort Cumberland with a Number of Gent: & Coloniers who had entered into an Association to bear Arms & protect our Frontiers where Indian Parties have lately done much mischief; I shall now halt a little & expend a Sum of