

business to Annapolis, could I have received them in time from  
Beazy's father who, thro' mistake, has got them. I wrote for them  
immediately on coming down and Colonel Beazy wrote me in return  
that I should have them as soon as he received them from Afoguin-  
-ini, where they were with his In's baggage, however, at the time for  
which I have leave of absence is nearly out I must hasten back. Tho'  
with the prospect of returning immediately, when I hope I shall get  
the papers and wait on the Council with them.

The occurrences which we experienced before the 9th  
Instant. from the date of my last to you, I make no doubt you have  
been well informed of. The principal one I need only mention to you,  
which was the battle at the White Plains - In this affair, as in too  
many more of a similar nature, our Generals shoud not equal judg-  
-ment to that of the Enemy. We were badly disposed to receive the attack  
of the Enemy's small arms, and unfortunately much exposed to their  
Artillery, which flank'd us so heavily as to render the post tenable  
but a short time - The matter was ended by a Confused and precipi-  
-tate retreat on our part with the loss of 90 men killed and wounded  
including in the number 4 Officers, Capt<sup>ns</sup> Scott and Bracco-kil-  
-ed - Lieut<sup>ts</sup> Walters and Gollmerts wounded. of the above  
number 46 of our Regiment - I forgot to say that Colonel Small-  
-wood was wounded slightly -

" Since the engagement of the White Plains, you hear we have  
been unfortunate enough to lose Fort Washington, a capital stroke agai-  
-nst us in my opinion, as we shall soon find it very difficult to keep  
up a communication between the Northern and Southern Provinces: had  
we been able to hold the fort, during the winter we certainly should have been  
able to stop the River in such a manner as to be impossible to shipping in  
the Spring. We could also have built other forts on the Jersey side of the river  
which would considerably aid and assist the forts we already have, but alas!  
we must no longer think of holds and bootsteps on the North River."

There are, I hear, various opinions respecting the taking of  
Washington, some think it was too easily surrendered, others say our men  
behaved well and that it could not possibly be help'd - I have not been where  
I woud hear any thing respecting the order of our men at that place, the  
only intelligence I have is in a letter from an Officer of our Camp - he tells  
me that the greatest part of our men engaged the Enemy one mile at least  
from the fort, at the stockade or rear line (described in my last to you) that  
while they were engaged there a considerable body of the Enemy passed over  
the Spiteen creek or Harkens Creek and by a quick movement possid  
themselves of all the papers, between our men at the Lines and the Fort, the  
consequence was that they surrendered immediately - there was I make  
no doubt other movements of the Enemy, to the Northward of the fort as far