

the behaviour of Captain Taylor of the 91st regiment, who was accidentally there on his route to the army from the hospital, and Lieutenant Becroft of the 24th regiment, who with the artificers in arms defended an important battery."<sup>1</sup>

Such is Burgoyne's account of the attack upon Ticonderoga; next to which comes that of Col. Brown, who, for the second time in the course of his military experience, had an opportunity of exhibiting his valor in connection with the fort. His report to Gen. Lincoln runs as follows:

"North end of lake George landing.

"thursday Sep 10<sup>th</sup> 1777

"Sir,

"With great fatigue after marching all last night I arrived at this place at the break of day, and after the best disposition of the men, I could make, immediately began the attack, and in a few minutes, carried the place. I then without any loss of time detached a considerable part of my men to the mills, where a greater number of the enemy were posted, who also were soon made prisoners, a small number of whom having taken possession of a block house in that vicinity were with more difficulty bro't to submission; but at the sight of a Cannon they surrendered. during this season of success, Mount Defiance also fell into our hands. I have taken possession of the old french lines at Ticonderoga, and have sent a flag demanding the surrender of Ty: and mount independence in strong and peremptory terms. I have had as yet no information of the event of Col<sup>o</sup>. Johnsons attack on the mount. My loss of men in these several actions are not more than 3 or 4 killed and 5 wounded. the enemy's loss; is less. I find myself in possession of 203 prisoners. Viz' 2 captains, 9 sube. 2 Commissaries. non Commissioned officers and privates 143. British 110 Canadians, 18 artificers and retook more than 100 of our men. total 203, exclusive of the prisoners retaken.—The watercraft I have taken, is 150 batteaus below the falls on lake Champlain 50 above the falls including 17 gun boats and one armed sloop. arms equal to the number of prisoners. Some ammunition and many other things which I cannot now ascertain. I must not forget to mention a few Cannon which may be of great service to us. Tho: my success has hitherto answered my most sanguine expectations, I cannot promise myself great things, the events of war being so dubious in their nature, but shall do my best to distress the enemy all in my power, having regard to my retreat—There is but a small quantity of provisions at this place which I think will necessitate my retreat in case we do not carry Ty and independence—I hope you will use your utmost endeavor to give me assistance should I need in crossing the lake &c—The enemy but a very small force at fort George. Their boats are on an island about 14 miles from this guarded by six companies, having artillery

<sup>1</sup> State of the Expedition from Canada. By Burgoyne. p. xciv. Ed. 1780.