

flict with the enemy your troops had the advantage. Notwithstanding their superiority of numbers, and strength of situation, General Frazer defeated a considerable body of their forces, under Colonel Francis, one of the bravest of their officers. Colonel Hill, after an attack of three hours, repulsed a corps of the enemy amounting to six times the number of his own detachment.—Your army elated with its success, fought with the confidence of men who deemed themselves invincible; and the enemy fled on all sides discomfited, dispirited, and dismayed.

Such, at one time, was your situation. It suddenly changed; and (from what circumstances, it would be inconsistent with the present purpose to inquire) was soon entirely reversed. You dispatched Lieutenant Colonel Baum with 500 men to gain possession of a magazine at Bennington, where the enemy was supposed to have made a large deposit of various necessaries. Colonel Breyman's corps was posted at Batten Kill to support Colonel Baum, if it should prove necessary. Colonel Baum, upon a near approach, having received