

their march, and upon second intelligence of the enemy, and firing being heard, the 20th regiment was ordered forward with two pieces of artillery, and Major General Phillips was sent to take the command. A violent storm of rain, which lasted the whole day, prevented the troops from getting to Fort Anne so soon as was intended; but the delay gave the 9th regiment an opportunity of distinguishing themselves, by standing and repulsing an attack of six times their number. The enemy finding the position not to be forced in front, endeavoured to turn it; and from the superiority of their numbers that inconvenience was to be apprehended; and Lieutenant Colonel Hill found it necessary to change his position in the height of action: so critical an order was executed by the regiment with the utmost steadiness and bravery. The enemy, after an attack of three hours, were totally repulsed, and fled towards Fort Edward, setting fire to Fort Anne, but leaving a saw-mill and a block-house in good repair, which were afterwards possessed by the king's troops.

The 9th regiment acquired, during their expedition, about thirty prisoners, some stores and baggage, and colours of the 2d Hampshire regiment.

One unlucky accident happened, to counterbalance, in some degree, this success. Captain Montgomery, an officer of great merit, was wounded early in the action, and was in the act of being dressed by the surgeon when the regiment changed ground; being unable to help himself, he and the surgeon were taken prisoners. I since hear he has been well treated, and is in a fair way of recovery at Albany.

The army very much fatigued (many parts of it having wanted their provisions for two days, almost the whole their tents and baggage) assembled in their present position. The right wing occupies the heights of Skenesborough in two lines; the right flank to the mountains, covered by the regiment of Reidesel's dragoons, *en potence*; the left to the Wood Creek.

The Brunswick troops under Major General Reidesel upon Castletown River, with Breyman's corps upon the communication of roads leading to Putney and Rutland; the regiment of Hesse Hanau are posted at the head of East Creek, to preserve the communication with the camp at Castletown River, and secure the bateaux.

Brigadier Frazer's corps is in the centre, ready to move on either wing of the army.

The scattered remains of the enemy are at Fort Edward, on the Hudson's River, where they have been joined, as I am informed, by General Putnam, with a considerable corps of fresh troops.

Roads are opening for the army to march to them by Fort Anne, and the Wood Creek is clearing of fallen trees, sunken stones, and other obstacles, to give passage to bateaux for carrying artillery, stores, provisions and camp equipage. These are laborious works; but the spirit and zeal of the troops are sufficient to surmount them. Some little time must also be allowed for the supplies of provisions to overtake us. In the mean time all possible diligence is using at Ticonderoga to get the gun-boats, provision vessels, and a proper quantity of bateaux into Lake George. A corps of the army will be ordered to penetrate by that route, which will afterwards be the route for the magazines; and a junction of the whole is intended at Fort Edward.