

on hearing how I proceed at Bennington, and of my success there: praying my respectful compliments to General Reidesel,

I am, most respectfully, Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

F. BAUME.

P. S. The names of the men taken in arms are as follows.

George Duncan,	John Bell,
David Starrow,	Matt. Bell.
Samuel Bell,	

Hugh More, a noted rebel surrendered himself yesterday evening.

The express left Cambridge at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 14th of August.

SIR,

Sancock, 14th August, 1777, 9 o'clock.

I have the honour to inform your excellency, that I arrived here at eight in the morning, having had intelligence of a party of the enemy being in possession of a mill, which they abandoned at our approach, but in their usual way fired from the bushes, and took their road to Bennington; a savage was slightly wounded; they broke down the bridge which has retarded our march above an hour, they left in the mill about seventy-eight barrels of very fine flour, 1000 bushels of wheat, 20 barrels of salt, and about 1000l. worth pearl and pot ash. I have ordered thirty provincials and an officer to guard the provision and the pass of the bridge. By five prisoners taken here, they agree that 1500 to 1800 men are in Bennington, but are supposed to leave it on our approach; I will proceed to far to-day as to fall on the enemy to-morrow early, and make such disposition as I think necessary from the intelligence I may receive. People are flocking in hourly, but want to be armed; the savages cannot be controuled, they ruin and take every thing they please.

I am,

Your excellency's most obedient,

humble servant,

F. BAUME.

Beg your excellency to pardon the hurry of this letter, it is wrote on the head of a barrel.

General Burgoyne.

Instructions to Colonel Skeene, upon the expedition to Bennington.

SIR,

I request the favour of you to proceed with Lieutenant Colonel Baume, upon an expedition of which he has the command, and which will march this evening, or to-morrow morning.

The objects of his orders are to try the affections of the country; to disconcert the councils of the enemy; to mount the regiment of Reidesel dragoons; to compleat Lieutenant Colonel Peters's corps, and to procure a large supply of horses for the use of the troops, together with cattle and carriages.

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