

tacked by a large body of Indians, who had taken possession of a very advantageous post on his road, from

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possibly have no resource but flying over the mountains, in case their friends there will receive them: they can have saved nothing: some of them had just time to run out of their beds, others left their sepawn warm upon the table, and in their kettles. The surprize in every town was almost equal, as the whole affair was the work of a few hours only. They had, both at Estatoe and Sugar-Town, plenty of ammunition, which was destroyed, and every where astonishing magazines of corn, which were all consumed in the flames: they had not even time to save their most valuable effects: the soldiers found money in many houses: three or four watches were got, their wampum, their cloaths, skins, and, in short, every thing. Many loaded guns went off when the houses were burning. I had almost forgot to tell you, that we intended to save Sugar-town, as the place nearest the fort, (where they even had a stockade fort): centries were placed for the security of the town; but we found the body of a dead man, whom they had put to the torture that very morning: it was then no longer possible to think of mercy.

Our loss is very inconsiderable, three or four men killed, and Lieutenants Marshal and Hamilton, of the Royal, wounded: it is hoped both will recover, though Mr. Marshal is not out of danger.

The correction you will allow has been pretty severe. I dare say the whole nation will readily come into terms, and will not be very fond of breaking them; and, I think, peace with them is a very desirable event for this province. We shall make use of Tiftowe and the old warrior of Estatoe, by setting them at liberty, to inform their nation, that, though they are in our power, we are ready to give them peace, as they were formerly friends and allies to the white people: and we shall send off an express this evening to Captain Demere, to inform him of what has happened, and to desire him to acquaint the Little Carpenter with it, and to tell him, that he