

Sunday, 24th.—This day we have not had so smart firing as we have had.

Monday, 25th.—Last night a party of Col. Ruggelse's Reg't were below the boom a clearing to the point, ye French continually firing grape shot; they killed one officer, mortally wounded another and wounded 12 more men belonging to the same Reg't. This day Major Rogers and a party with him took a brigg, one sloop and and one small ruddo and one schooner.

Tuesday, 26th.—This day has been a very still among us.

Wednesday, 27th.—This morning very early ye French begun and we have had ye hottest work that ever [we have] had yet, but we hope their time is short. This morning [] ed and Jacob Quinby and one more left our company [and wen] t into the rangers.

Thursday, 28th.—Last night ye [] cattle made a great roaring. Ye French fired not a gun. This morning about sunrise a great many deserters came in and said that they had all left ye fort and immediately our people went and took possession of it.

Camp before ye Isle of Noix, August 28th, 1760.

BARTHOLOMEW HEATH.

Desires your prayers for him.

[Bartholomew Heath was of the "com. to regulate trade," 1777, and "com. to enlist soldiers," 1780.]

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[Letter of Samuel True to his father, Rev. H. True of Hampstead, N. H., B. Mch. 8, 1756, D. Aug. 5, 1778 at Providence, of "camp fever and dysentery."]

PROVIDENCE, 24th May, 1778.

HONORED FATHER:—

Dr. Sir, having a short time to write I would inform you that I am well, Gratias Deo therefor. I have been informed by Capt. Gile, who returned yesterday, that you and rest of the family are well, which I was very glad to hear. As for our situation at present it is as agreeable as can be expected, considering what few men are here. On Monday the 25th, their was an alarm. I immediately turned out the company and joynd the Reg't and drewd ammunition for them, and then marcht with them; it being very warm that day made it the more tedious. We went about 15 miles between 3 and 4 hours (viz.) from 9 to 12 or 1 o'clock, but the enemy on our approach made to their boats so that we were in no action, though the men appeared in high spirits. We were almost an hour too late. I saw the brave Col. Barton just after he was wounded, but is thought he will get well. I heard that one man of ours was mortally wounded and that is all that I know of that was hurt. The enemy it is thought lost some, because that much blood was seen in divers places, as for the damage they did I cannot say in particular, but in general our flat bottom boats, &c. Cv. * * * buildings a meeting house they Cd. off the priest and destroyed the stores; this was done at Warren, at Bristol they burnt some houses (we took from them 2 drummers and bass drums) and then returned to Providence whera we now remain. Yesterday we attended at a very melancholly sight which was to see a man hanged for desertion and attempting to go to the enemy, which sight I was obligod to behold with all its horrors, as having the command of the guard (est Felix quem aliena Pericula fatiunt cautum;) my business at present is to do the writing for the company and I assist the Aj't and do some of his writing. We draw rice and flour, brend and pease and potatoes, and pork and beef and fish. If Bro. James is a mind to come here any time this summer and stay a little while