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communication : that, perhaps, the President would have thought proper to have conferred on the undersigned a brevet as a compliment to his zeal and efforts on that occasion. It is the design of the undersigned to supply such omissions by documents which can neither be controverted nor suspected. When the merits of that transaction are fully disclosed to the Government, he will be satisfied ; his confidence in their justice precludes a doubt that, if any individual merit was exhibited, it will still be noticed, notwithstanding the lapse of time ; and it is to his country he refers a question so dear to him, to whose judgment, and not to his own, he yields implicit confidence.

In performing the duty he has assumed, he begs leave to state in a concise manner, the principal events of that day, though many of them are already known to the Government. On the evening of the 26th of May, the enclosed order (A. 2.) was promulgated to the troops. In obedience to its commands, before day light on the morning of the 27th, the troops were embarked, and proceeding to the enemy's shore. The advance, consisting of about five hundred light troops, under the command of Col. Scott, was followed at a short interval by Boyd's brigade, 1300 strong ; Winder's and Chandler's brigades successively followed, at intervals of perhaps a mile. It was day light before they approached the point of landing, at which the enemy were posted on the bank, consisting of two thousand regulars, beside militia and Indians, formed in order of battle, and covered by a one-gun battery. Four armed schooners were ordered to cover our landing, one of which was brought to bear on the battery of the enemy. The advance, under Lieut. Col. Scott, were the first to strike the shore, and instantly attempted the bank, but without success. After the interval of a moment, Boyd's brigade landed, and the bank was carried by the united troops, the whole being under his command, as senior officer on shore. The contest was animated, and destructive for about fifteen minutes, when the enemy broke and fled to the town, before any part of Winder's brigade had arrived. They were pursued five miles by the troops who fought them, and by them *only*, when the pursuit was discontinued by the positive orders of the commanding Major-General.