

their own inexperience, they lost five large boats, a considerable quantity of merchandize, and fifteen soldiers, who were drowned in Hay's river, after the place was surrendered.

“ The Company suffered great loss by the capture of this place ; which had remained in their possession unmolested since the peace of Utrecht. The whole of the ship's outward bound cargo was entirely burnt and destroyed, together with a considerable quantity of provisions, stores &c. which had been collecting for about seventy years.

“ If the above account finds a place in your entertaining paper, I shall embrace the first opportunity of sending you an account of the capture of Prince of Wales Fort.”