

dead in coffins and have them carried away for burial. Persons in a dying state, deserted by friends in sheer terror, found in Munford a ministering angel. He worked and lived through the whole plague and came out unharmed.

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*CHIPMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF THE BATTLE
OF BUNKER HILL.*

The following account of the Battle of Bunker Hill is taken from a letter written by Ward Chipman, at Boston, in June, 1775, to his friend Samuel Quincy, then in England.

"JUNE 18. I had written thus far,* flattering myself with the most agreeable change of affairs upon the arrival of the regiment of horse and three regiments of foot from Ireland, which from their long delay had been despaired of, and which the rebels were taught to believe to be countermanded; but we have now been witnesses of scenes of blood, which tho' necessary for our safety, fill the mind with a melancholy gloom.

On the night of the 16th the rebels came on to the hither end of Bunker's Hill and threw up a strong breast work, or rather completed it, for from its appearance now it is thought to be a work of some weeks, or that some thousands must have been employed that night—be it as it may—it was first discovered at daybreak the next morning. The Lively, which lay between the Ferry-ways, opened a brisk fire upon it, but from her low situation could do but little execution. About 9 o'clock the Battery upon Cop's Hill was opened upon them, but was not able to drive them off. At 12 o'clock about 2,200 troops embarked at the Long Wharf, under the command of General

*Chipman had begun his letter June 14th.