

by Carleton last night. On board of the Congress we had twenty-odd men killed and wounded. Our whole loss amounts to eighty odd.

The enemy's fleet were last night three miles below Crown-Point; their army is doubtless at their heels. We are busily employed in completing our lines and redoubts, which I am sorry to say are not so forward as I could wish. We have very few heavy cannon, but are mounting every piece we have. It is the opinion of General Gates and St. Clair that eight or ten thousand Militia should be immediately sent to our assistance, if they can be spared from below. I am of opinion the enemy will attack us with their fleet and army at the same time. The former is very formidable, a list of which I am favored with by General Waterbury, and have enclosed. The season is so far advanced, our people are daily growing more healthy.

We have about nine thousand effectives, and if properly supported, make no doubt of stopping the career of the enemy. All your letters to me of late have miscarried. I am extremely sorry to hear by General Gates you are unwell. I have sent you by General Waterbury a small box containing all my publick and private papers, and accounts, with a considerable sum of hard and paper money, which beg the favour of your taking care of.

I am, dear General, your most affectionate, humble servant,

B. ARNOLD.

To Hon. Major General Schuyler.

N. B. Two of the enemy's gondolas sunk by our fleet the first day, and one blown up with sixty men.

CAPTAIN THOMAS PRINGLE TO MR. STEPHENS, SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY.

On board the Maria, off Crown-Point, October 15, 1776.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I embrace this opportunity of congratulating their Lordships upon the victory completed the 13th of this month, by his Majesty's fleet under my command, upon Lake Champlain.