

of which the following Account was given in a Letter written by an Officer, who was an Eye-witness of the whole.

“ July 3, at Break of Day, we were alarmed by two Men coming up to one of our Centries placed in the Wood, who shot him in the Heel, and fled off, but were so nigh, that the Wadding was left in his Heel. We were immediately under Arms, and immediately sent out a small Party to search round the Camp, but they saw nobody. About an Hour after, four of our *Indians* who had been sent out the Day before, came in a prodigious Hurry, and informed us, that they had tracked a great Number of the Enemy into the Bushes about 14 Miles from us; and had gone so nigh them that they heard them talk. Upon this News we began to throw up Trenches round a Fort which we had in the Meadows, and sent out the *Indians* again, to see if the *French* were nigh. They returned in an Hour, running very fast, and told us the Enemy was within half a Mile, marching down the Woods quite naked; which made us imagine they were all *Indian*. We were drawn up in order of Battle immediately, reserving only a Number to work at the Trenches, which we had got almost Breast high all round when the Enemy enter'd the Meadows. Our Centry, whom we had placed there, fir'd at them, killed three, and retired to the Fort, the Enemy firing at him all the Way from the Woods, which they betook themselves to as soon as they came. We marched up to take Possession of the Wood opposite the Fort, but one of our Officers, who is now going to resign, and had always shewn a good deal of Fear in any Danger, called out that the Enemy would take Possession of the Fort, and immediately order'd the Men to the Right about, which they did directly, and fled to the Fort; the *French* firing at them all the Time, and wounded a great many before they got thither. We immediately got our Trenches filled with Men, and began to fire from the Fort and Trenches, with three Huzzas, which the Enemy returned with the *Indian* Halloo. The Engagement began at half an Hour after Ten in the Morning, and continued till Seven at Night without Intermission, the Enemy firing close at us from behind the Trees, and we from our Fort and Trenches. We had our Cannon fired once round,

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