

point of numbers to the enemy, whom I must expect always to find strongly posted. I ask pardon for dwelling so much upon this subject, and have only to add my request to your Excellency to forward the additional companies as expeditiously as may be.

*Copy of Lieutenant-General Burgoyne's Letter to Colonel Baume.*

*Near Saratoga, August 14, 1777. Seven at Night.*

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THE accounts you have sent me are very satisfactory, and I have no doubt of every part of your proceeding continuing to be the same.

I beg the favour of you to report whether the road you have passed is practicable, and if so, if it is convenient for a considerable corps with cannon.

Should you find the enemy too strongly posted at Bennington, and maintaining such a countenance as may make an attack imprudent, I wish you to take a post where you can maintain yourself till you receive an answer from me, and I will either support you in force, or withdraw you.

You will please to send off to my camp, as soon as you can, waggons, and draft cattle, and likewise such other cattle as are not necessary for your subsistence.

Let the waggons and carts bring off all the flour and wheat they can that you do not retain for the same purpose. This transport must be under the charge of a commission officer.

I will write you at full to-morrow in regard to getting horses out of the hands of the savages.

In the mean time any you can collect from them, fit to mount the regiments, at a low price, shall be allowed.

I am with great esteem, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant.

J. BURGoyNE.

*Colonel St. Leger's Account of Occurrences at Fort Stanwix.*

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A MINUTE detail of every operation since my leaving La Chine, with the detachment entrusted to my care, your Excellency will permit me to reserve to a time of less hurry and mortification than the present, while I enter into the interesting scene before Fort Stanwix, which I invested the 3d of August, having previously pushed forward Lieutenant Bird of the King's regiment, with thirty of the King's troops and two hundred Indians, under the direction of Captains Hare and Wilton, and the chiefs Joseph and Bull, to seize fast hold of the lower landing-place, and thereby cut off the enemy's communication with the lower country.—This was done with great address by the lieutenant, though not attended with the effect I had promised myself, occasioned by the slackness of the Messasagoes. The brigade of provision and ammunition boats I had intelligence of, being arrived and disembarked before this party had taken post.

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