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January ye 3rd 1776.-Mr. Antil arrived here Express from Quebec, with Intelligence that General Montgomery on the 31st Ultimo between the Hours of 5 & 7 in the morning (after a previous Disposition of his small Army) made two Attacks upon the lower Town, under a feigned one upon the upper-The Feint was conducted by Capt Browne with 94 men; one of the real attacks by the General himself at Drummond's Wharf below Cape Diamond with 466 men; the other by Colonel Arnold with the men he brought with him by the way of Kennebec & Capt Lamb's Company of Artillery amounting to 560 men thro' St Roques at the other End of the lower Town; the General forced his way thro' the first Picquet or Barrier without receiving a Shot-at the next, he was received with a heavy Fire of musketry & two field Pieces which caused Cheesman's Company to fall back in some little Disorder, while the General was endeavoring to rally these men he received a Coup de grace as also his Aid de Camp McPherson & Capt Cheesman of our's—The General was shot thro' the Head and both his Thighs-after the Death of the General Colonel Campbell led of the General's Detachment. Colonel Arnold with his Party passed thro' St Roques and approached near a two Gun Batt ry well piquetted in without being discovered; his men forced the Piquets & carried the Battery after an Hour's Resistance; in the Attack the Colonel was shot thro' the Leg and was obliged to be carried off; after gaining the Battery his Detachment pushed on to