

ceived intelligence of the numbers of the enemy, who were too strong to be attacked by his force with any prospect of success, dispatched an express to you with an account of his situation. You gave orders to Colonel Breyman to march forward, and reinforce Colonel Baum. Before, however, the latter could be joined, the enemy attacked him in his post, and after a brave defence, the Colonel himself was wounded, and his whole party made prisoners. On the evening of this fatal day, Colonel Breyman arrived upon the spot, where, in the morning, Colonel Baum had been defeated. His troops, wearied by a toilsome march, and distressed at the disappointment, were immediately attacked by the enemy, and after a gallant resistance were obliged to retreat, leaving two pieces of artillery upon the field. Your army had now lost near 800 men; and it will be readily conceived, how much these defeats contributed to inspirit the enemy. In fact, they were assembling from all parts; the whole country, so far from assisting, was rising up in arms against you, and difficulties were crowding upon you no less formidable

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