

Remarks at Majabigwad
1779

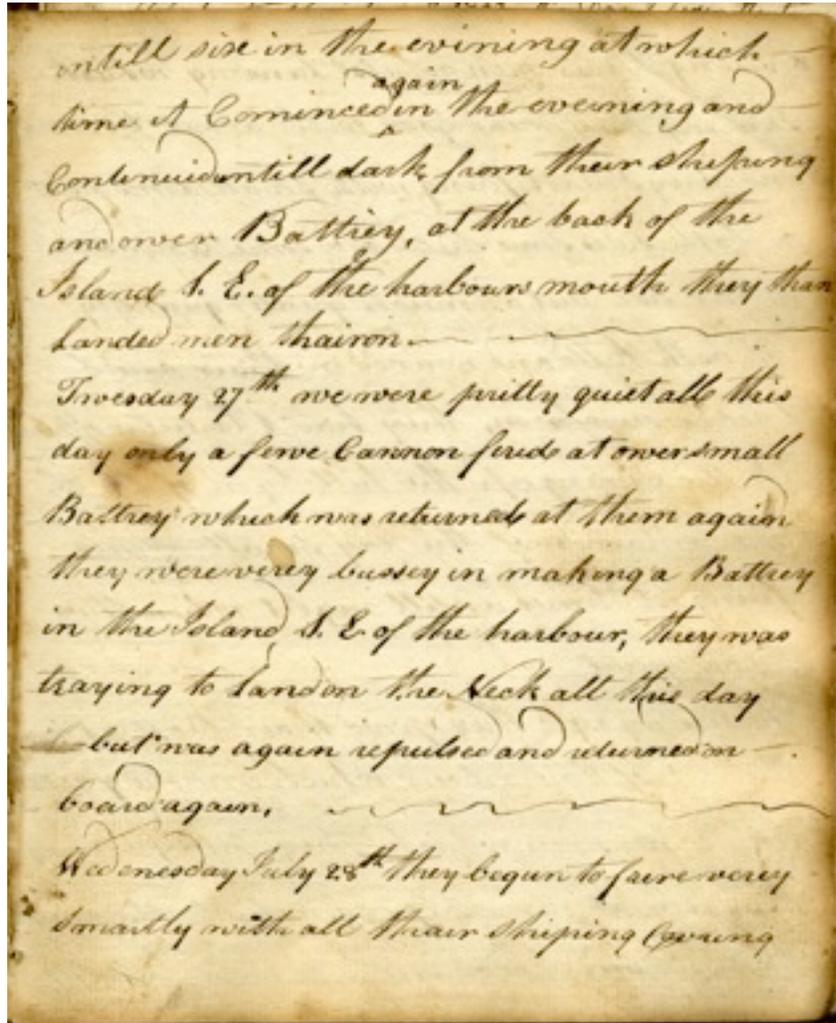
Respecting the Americans at the time
of there laying Siege to Majabagadwace
in Ponopcut river July 24th
Saturday saw a very large fleet of ship
sloops brigs scooners &c. The whole in
Number thirty seven or more Sailers
Sunday the 25th About one in the
afternoon we were atacked by the
enemeys Shiping verey warminglay
Which was as warm returned from over three
Sloops of Ware and Battrey and some
of ower small arims they were indever[
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Description: Reidhead's Journal

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in Landing their men on the point opisit
and at a distins to the Weiste of the Neck
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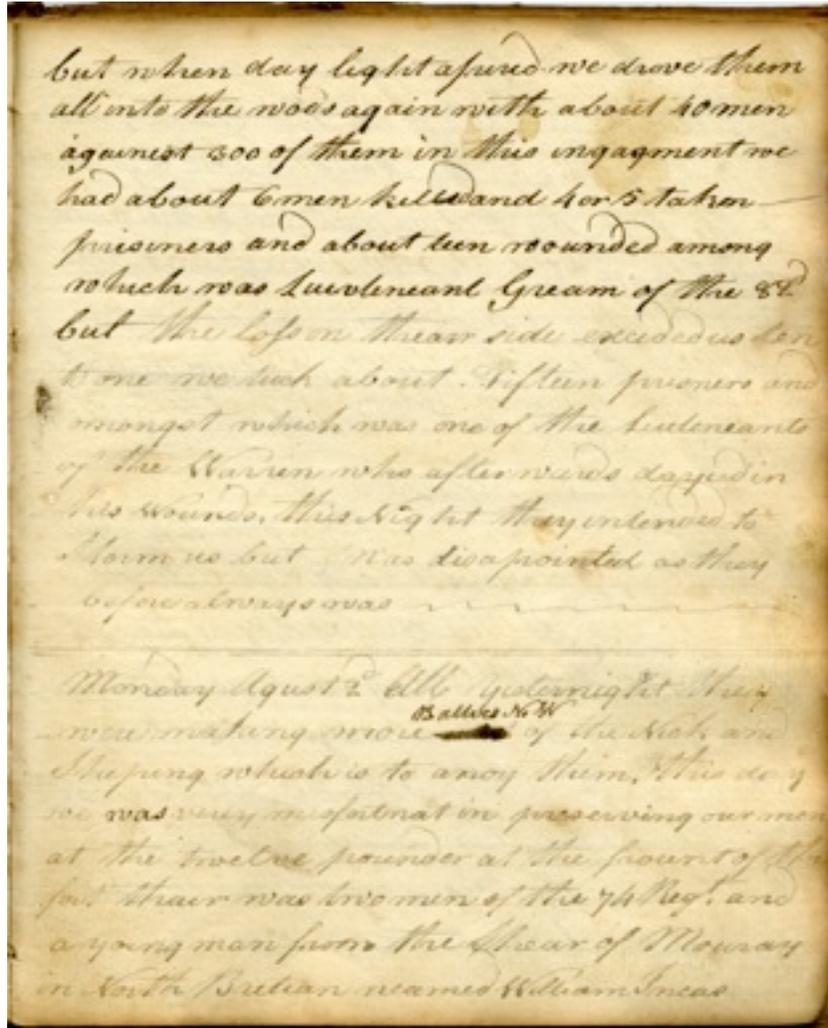
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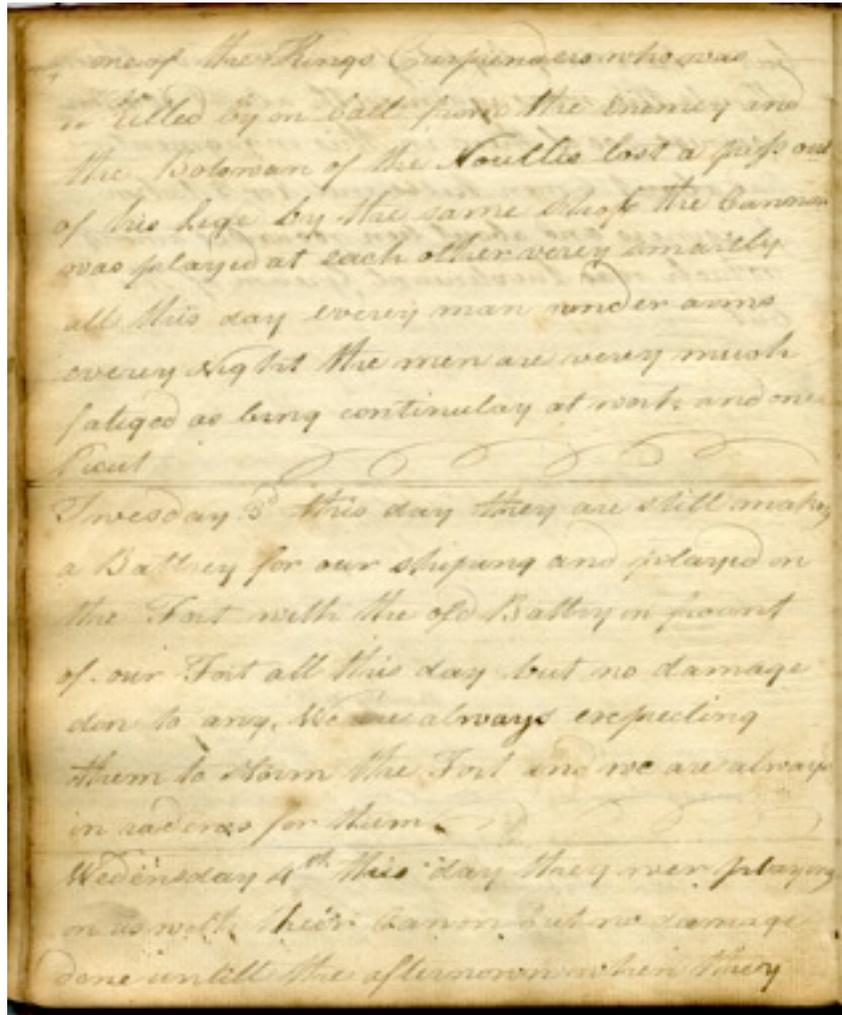
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Monday Agust 2^d All yesternight they Battres N.W. were making more ^{Battres N.W.} ~~of~~ of the Neck and Shiping which is to anoy them. this day we was verey misfortunat in preserving our men at the twelve pounder at the front of the fort thair was two men of the 7th Reg^t and a young man from the Shear of Mouray in North Britain neamed William Incas



one of the Kings Carpenders who was
Killed by on ball from the Enemy and
the Botswan of the Noutlis lost a piess out
of his lege by the same shot the Cannon
was played at each other verey smartly
all this day every man under arms
every Night the men are verey much
fatiged as bing continulay at work and one
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Twesday 3^d This day there are still making
a Battrey for our shiping and played on
the Fort with the old Battrey in front
of our Fort all this day but no damage
don to any We are always expecting
them to storm the Fort and we are always
in radenes for them. _____

Wedensday 4th This day they wer playing
on us with their Canon but no damage
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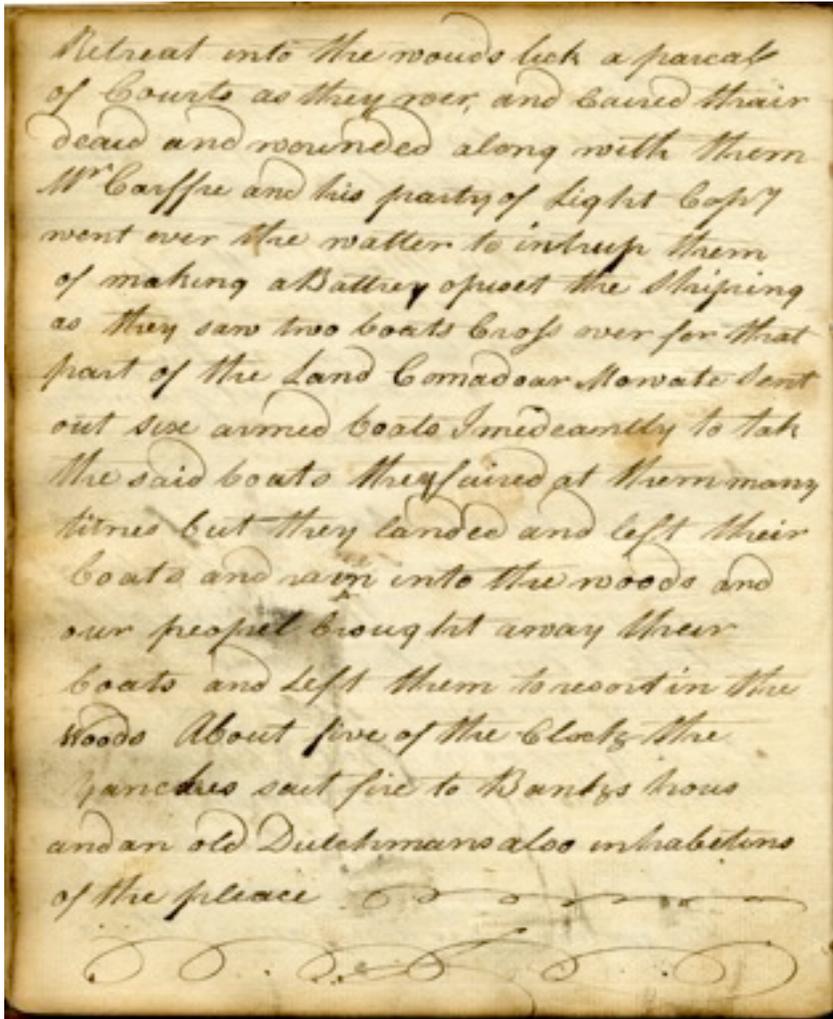
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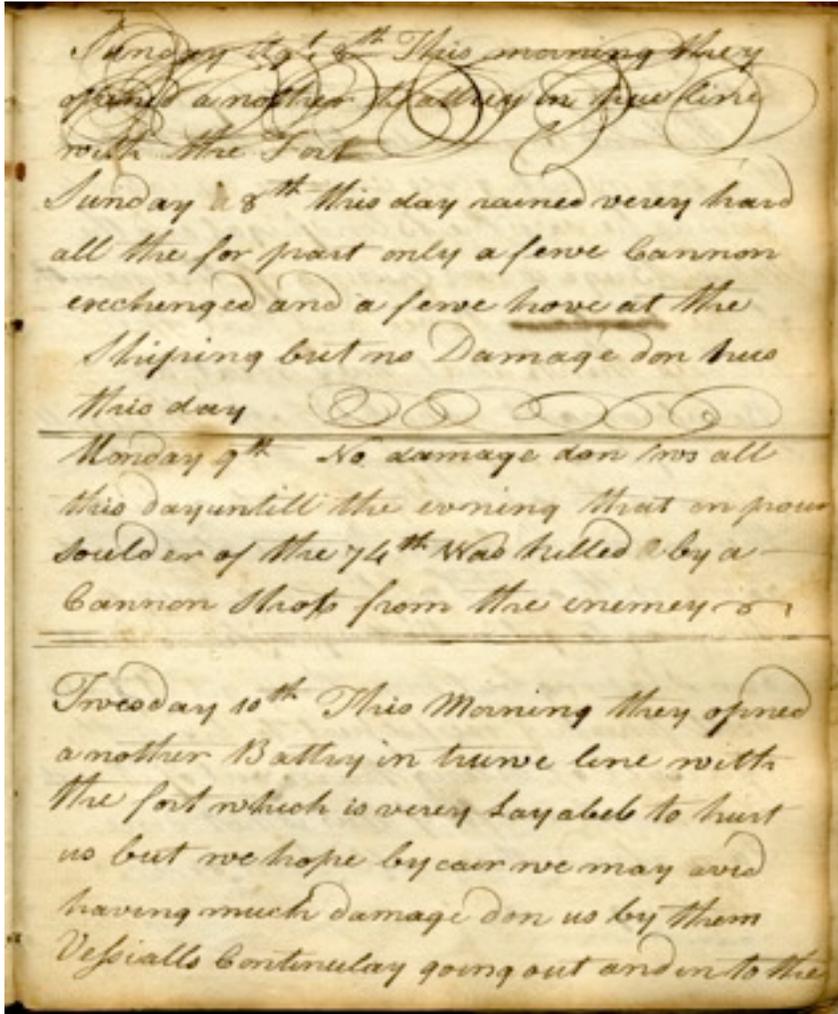


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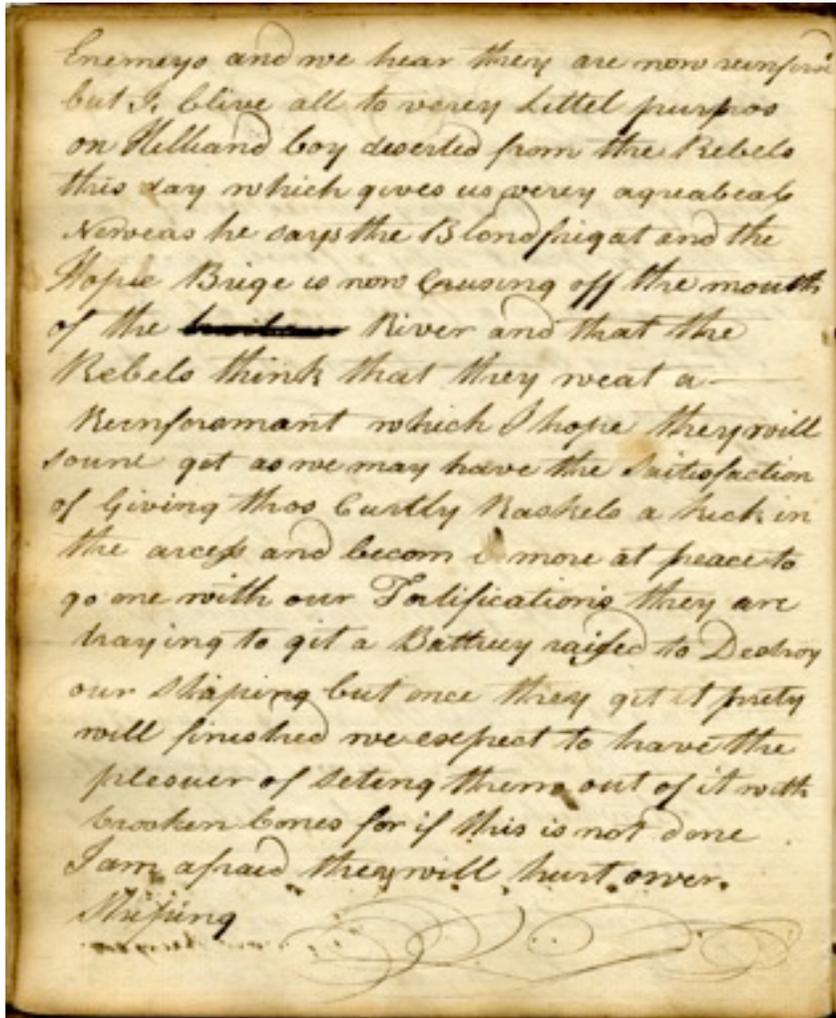


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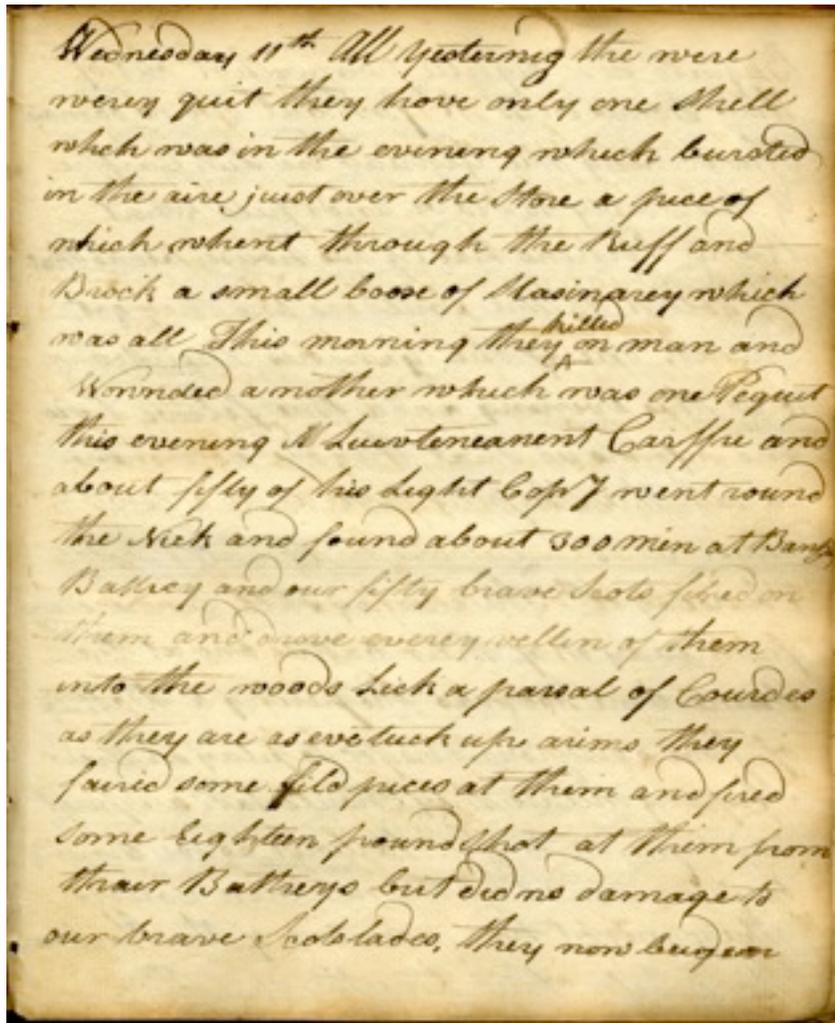
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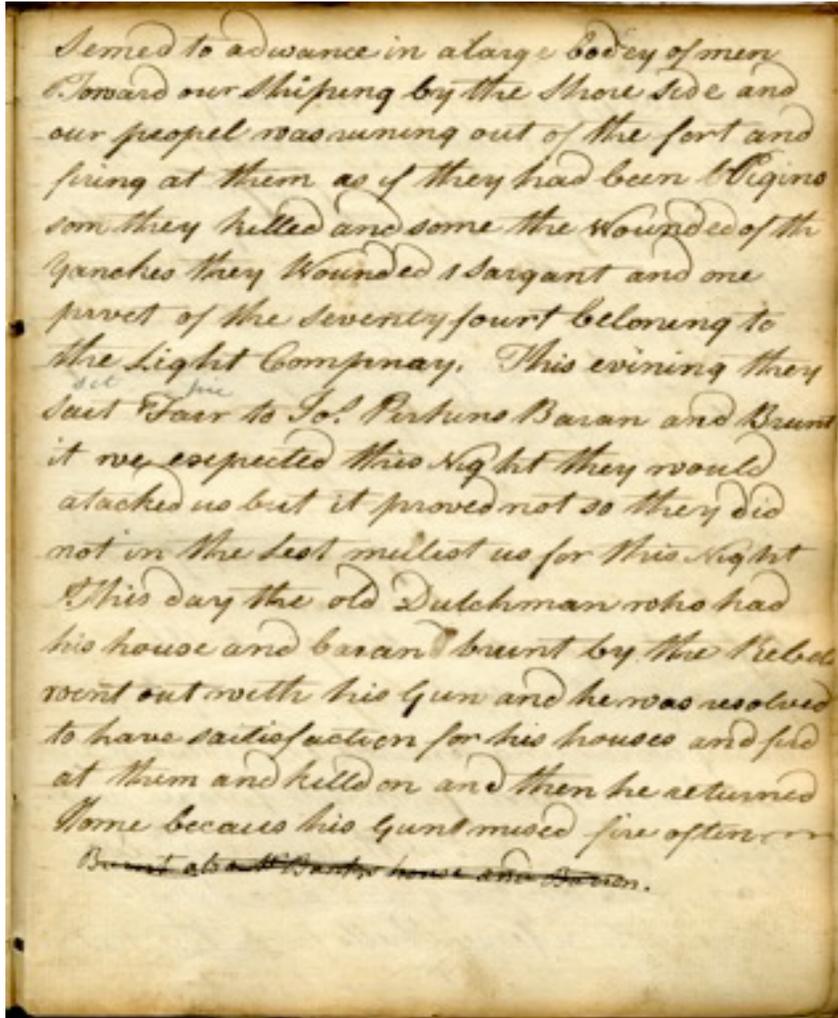
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to us this evening and a fine felowe he is
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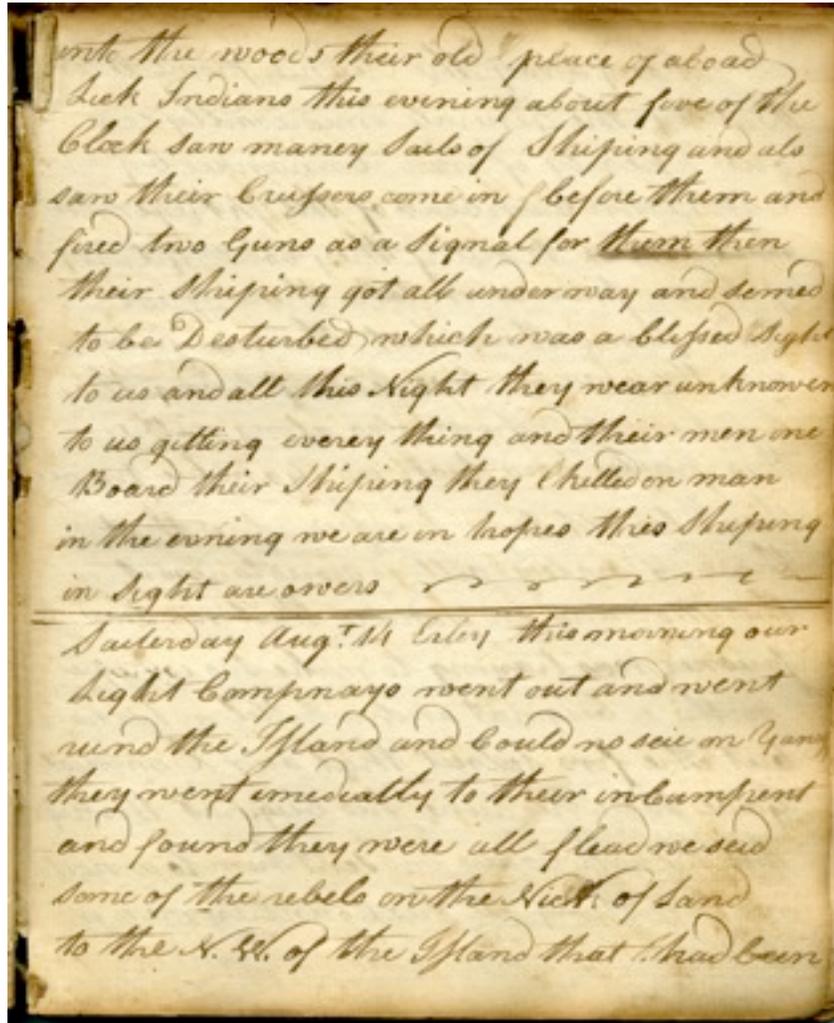
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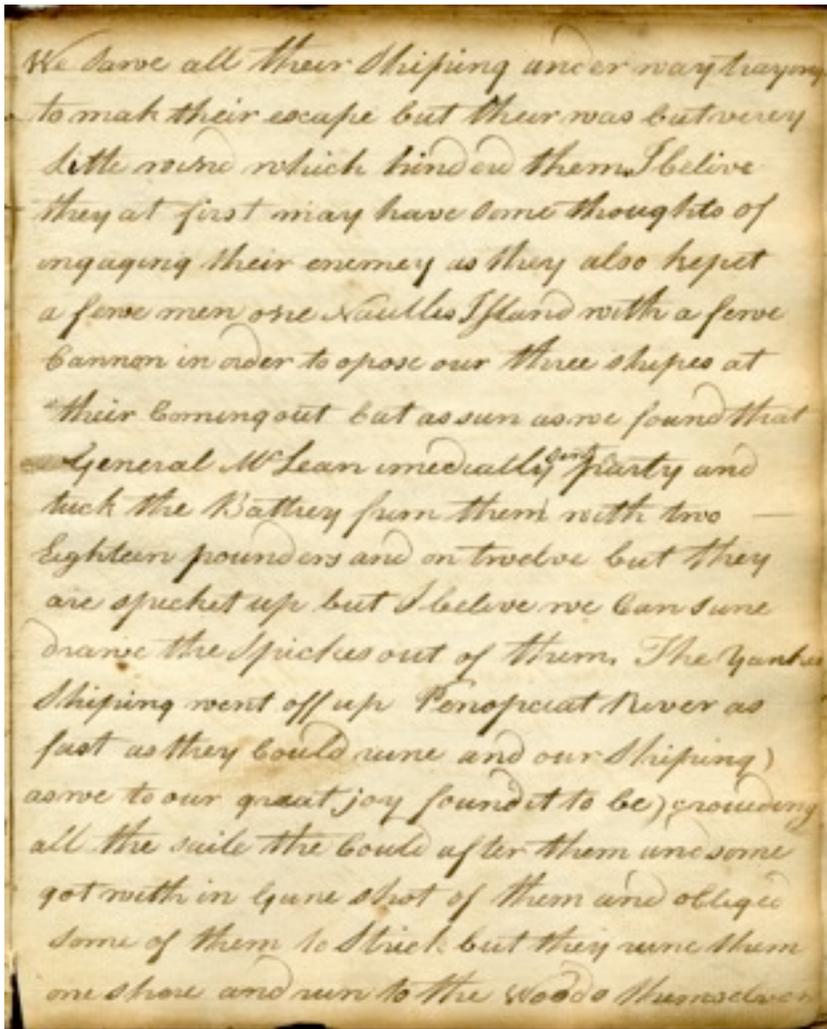


into the woods their old place of aboard
Lick Indians this evening about five of the
clock saw maney Sails of Shiping and als
saw their Crussers come in before them and
fired two Guns as a signal for them then
their Shiping got all under way and semed
to be Desturbed which was a blessed sight
to us and all this Night they wear unknowen
to us getting everey thing and their men one
Board their Shiping they killed on man
in the evening we are in hopes this Shiping
in Sight are owers. _____

Saturday Aug^t 14 Erley this morning our
Light Compnays went out and went
rund the Island and could no seie on Yancke
they went imediatly to their incampent
and found they were all flead we seid
some of the rebels on the Nick of Land
to the N.W. of the Island that had been

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his Black Coday and sent him to a nother
world wishing all his COUNTRYMEN in
the same way of getting home



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