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[Price to Council.]

Upper Camp St. Georges July 29th 1776

Gentlemen

The day before yesterday in the Evening the Roebuck and other Ships returned down the river and came too about 5 Miles from this Place at two oClock yesterday Morning I rec^d a line from Captⁿ Nicholson Acquainting me that he intended to Attack the Fleet at Day break I immeidly dispatched an officer with orders if Possible to speak to Captⁿ Nicholson and let him know the Ships had returned down the river and where then within Nine or Ten Miles of the fleet and that I did not think it Prudent to Attack them Col^o Barns had dispatched an officer some time before The one I sent Got over to his Camp but neither of them could Come up with Captⁿ Nicholson I Immeidly on rec^t of the Letter Ordered the Troops under Arms and dispatched Captⁿ Thomas with about forty on the Island to Alarm the Enemy on that Quarter Major Eden with about the same number on the Point with a four Pounder and I took the remainder 25 in Number on board of two Boats and Cannoes & went down St. Georges River as near the Enemy as we Could with Safety where I left them under Command of Lieut: Addams with Orders if there should be any Confusion in the fleet to Push up with their Boats to Cherry field Point where I would be I then went a Cross to the Point where our People from the Lower Camp had been at Work all night and by the time the sun was rising Mounted the two Largest Cannon about an Hour after we Espied the Defence making up for the fleet The Fowey which lay ab^t a Mile from the Battery did not see her or seemed to take no notice of her for more than an Hour when we Noticed boats goeing aHead of her as we suppose to Carry out her Anker in Order to whey her out and in a Short time we observed her halling out when I Immeidly Ordered the Cannon, to be fired at her we fired four times from the nine pounder & two from the four one of which the nine we think huld her the other struck a boat laying at her Stern with I Beleave Men in her I saw them a very little before, the Fowey all the time halling out By this time Observed the Defence put about and stand down the River I Beleave she must have seen the Roebuck who was seen some time after standing down after her the Fowey giveing Chase a verry little while before upon the whole the Enemy Appears to be a Good Deal Alarmed and I am in hopes will leave this in a Short time. Captⁿ Boucher came to Camp last night he left two Roe Gallys about 15 Miles above this place I furnished him with a Boat and some hands to goe Back by