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YESTERDAY Morning Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, of the 71st Regiment of Foot, arrived in Town from Georgia, by whom a Letter has been received from Major-General Prevost, commanding His Majesty's Troops in that Province, to the Right Honourable Lord George Germain, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; of which the following is an Extract.

Extract of a Letter from Major-General Prevost to Lord George Germain. Dated Head Quarters, Ebenezer in Georgia, March 5, 1779.

I DID myself the Honor on the 19th of January last to acquaint your Lordship of my having arrived at Savannah, and, agreeable to the Commander in Chief's Instructions, taking upon me the Chief Command of His Majesty's Troops in this Province.

As soon afterwards as the proper Arrangements could be made, Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell was detached up the River with a select Corps of about 800 Regular Troops, and some Irregulars, to endeavour to penetrate to Augusta, and to open the Communication with the back Inhabitants of the Provinces. The Colonel effected his March to Augusta with few Obstructions, and without any Loss, notwithstanding the Length of the Road and the Difficulties of the Country he had to pass through.

Lieutenant-Colonel Prevost, with a considerable Detachment, had been sent to sustain, join, or otherwise co-operate with Colonel Campbell, as should be judged best for His Majesty's Service, and had taken Post at Briar Creek, to keep the Enemy below in Check, and to cover the Advance when necessary.

But because of the Length and Difficulty of the Communication, it was judged proper for the Whole to fall back to Hudson's Ferry, Twenty-four Miles above this, and which now forms the upper Extremity of our Chain on the River. Colonel Campbell has since gone to Savannah, to establish, in consequence of his Instructions from His Majesty's Commissioners, some Civil Regulations in the Province previous to his Departure for England. And here, though I must lament the Loss His Majesty's Service will sustain in the Absence of so able and active an Officer, I think it no unfavourable Circumstance however, that one so every Way capable will have the Honor of giving your Lordship every necessary Information regarding the Service of this Country: His penetrating so far into it, gave him good Opportu-

nity of knowing it; and his being fully possessed of all my Ideas, which are also his own with regard to present Circumstances and future Views, has it much better in his Power to communicate them verbally, than I can in Writing; to him therefore I beg Leave to refer your Lordship. He is also acquainted with the Situation and State of the Rebels as well as of the King's Army, and knows the Resources and Expectations of each.

Captain Parker, of His Majesty's Ship Phoenix, and commanding the Squadron on this Service, is also about to leave us, in Compliance with his Instructions from Rear-Admiral Gambier.

I cannot sufficiently express to your Lordship the high Sense I have of that Gentleman's active Zeal for the Service, and his ready and cheerful Concurrence and Co-operation, when he could either act or assist. The most happy Cordiality has constantly subsisted between the Departments; and though I hope that will always continue, yet the Departure of such an Officer may not easily be made up to us in this Quarter. We may also feel this Diminution of our Naval Force, which, to be sure, was never more than adequate to the Service.

I now proceed to inform your Lordship, that some Days ago Intelligence being received that the Rebels, in considerable Force, had taken Post at Briar Creek, 13 Miles above our Post at Hudson's, and that they were busied in repairing the Bridge, (which had been destroyed by Colonel Campbell on his Return downwards) as if intending to advance by that Route, our Post was reinforced, and Dispositions secretly made to give them a proper Reception: And it being much to be wished that they would put the Creek in their Rear, which would put it in our Power to attack them on advantageous Ground, Means were used to inspire them with Confidence to attempt it. But after waiting 2 Days, finding that they meant only to establish themselves there for the Purpose of hampering us in our Quarters, and cutting us off from all Communication with the Upper Country, and perhaps had Views of Co-operation with their Main Army, it was judged proper to dislodge them. Accordingly Major M'Pherson, with the 1st Battalion 71st Regiment, and some Irregulars, with Two Field Pieces, was directed by Lieutenant-Colonel Prevost to advance towards the Bridge to mask the Movements he himself had made with the 2d Battalion 71st Regiment, a Corps of Light Infantry commanded by Sir James Baird, and Three Companies of Grenadiers of the Florida Brigade, with which he took a long Circuit of Fifty Miles to cross the Creek above them, and endeavour to gain their Rear; Dispositions were also made by the Army to favor the Attempt, and to amuse and keep Mr. Lincoln in Check, should he in the mean Time attempt any Thing

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