

a just Time is absolutely necessary to deliberate ; I am therefore to propose, that a Suspension of Hostilities shall take Place for 24 Hours from this Date ; and to request that your Excellency will direct your Columns to fall back to a greater Distance, and out of Sight of our Works, or I shall think myself under a Necessity to direct their being fired upon. If they did not reconnoitre any Thing this Afternoon, they were sure within the Distance.

I am, &c.

(Signed) A. PREVOST.
His Excellency Count
d'Estaing, &c. &c. &c.

(No. V.)

TRANSLATION.

Camp before Savannah, September 16, 1779.

S I R,

I CONSENT to the Truce you ask. It shall continue till the Signal for Retreat to-morrow Night the 17th, which will serve also to announce the Recommencement of Hostilities. It is unnecessary to observe to your Excellency, that this Suspension of Arms is entirely in your Favor, since I cannot be certain that you will not make Use of it to fortify yourself, at the same Time that the Propositions you shall make may be inadmissible.

I must observe to you also, how important it is that you should be fully aware of your own Situation, as well as of that of the Troops under your Command. Be assured that I am thoroughly acquainted with it. Your Knowledge of Military Affairs will not suffer you to be ignorant, that a due Examination of that Circumstance always precedes the March of the Columns ; and that this Preliminary is not carried into Execution by a mere shew of Troops.

I have ordered them to withdraw before Night comes on, to prevent any Cause of Complaint on your Part. I understand that my Civility in this Respect has been the Occasion that the Chevalier de Cambis, a Lieutenant in the Navy, has been made Prisoner of War.

I propose sending out some small advanced Posts To-morrow Morning : They will place themselves in such a Situation as to have in View the four Entrances into the Wood, in order to prevent a similar Mistake in future. I do not know whether two Columns commanded by the Viscount de Noailles and the Count de Dillon have shewn too much Ardour, or whether your Cannoniers have not paid a proper Respect to the Truce subsisting between us ; but this I know, that what has happened this Night is a fresh Proof that Matters will soon come to a Decision between us one Way or another.

I have the Honor to be,
with Respect, &c.

(Signed) ESTAING.
His Excellency General Prevost,
Major General in the Service
of His Britannick Majesty, and
Commander in Chief at Savannah
in Georgia.

(No. VI.)

*Copy of a Letter from Major General Prevost to
Count d'Estaing, dated Savannah, September
17, 1779.*

S I R,

I N Answer to the Letter of your Excellency, which I had the Honor to receive about Twelve last Night. I am to acquaint you, that having laid the whole Correspondence before the King's Civil Governor, and the Military Officers of Rank, assembled in Council of War, the unanimous Determination has been, that though we cannot look upon our Post as absolutely inexpugnable, yet that it may and ought to be defended ; therefore the Evening Gun, to be fired this Evening an Hour before Sundown, shall be the Signal for recommencing Hostilities agreeable to your Excellency's Proposal.

I have the Honor to be,

(Signed) A. PREVOST.
His Excellency Count d'Estaing,
&c. &c. &c.

(No. VII.)

*Copy of a Letter from Count d'Estaing and General
Lincoln to Major General Prevost, dated
Camp before Savannah, October 6, 1779.*

S I R,

WE are persuaded that your Excellency knows all that your Duty prescribes :—perhaps your Zeal has already interfered with your Judgement. The Count d'Estaing, in his own Name, notified to you, that you would be personally and alone responsible for the Consequences of your Obstinacy. The Time which you informed him, in the Commencement of the Siege, would be necessary for the Arrangement of Articles, including the different Orders of Men in your Town, had no other Object than that of receiving Succour. Such Conduct, Sir, is sufficient to forbid every Intercourse between us which might occasion the least Loss of Time. Besides in the present Application, latent Reasons may again exist.—There are military Ores, which in frequent Instances have prevented the Indulgence you request. It is with Regret we yield to the Austerity of our Functions ; and we deplore the Fate of those Persons who will be the Victims of your Conduct, and the Delusion which appears to prevail in your Mind. We are with Respect, &c. &c.

(Signed) B. LINCOLN.
ESTAING.

(No. VIII.)

*Copy of a Letter from Major General Prevost
to Count d'Estaing, dated Camp, Savannah,
October 6, 1779.*

S I R,

I AM persuaded your Excellency will do me Justice ; and that in defending this Place and the Army committed to my Charge, I fulfil what is due to Honor and Duty to my Prince. Sentiments of a different Kind occasion the Liberty of now addressing myself to your Excellency : They are those of Humanity. The Houses of Savannah are occupied solely by Women and Children. Several of them have applied to me, that I might request the Favour you would allow them to embark on board a Ship or Ships, and go down the River under the Protection of yours, until this Business is decided. If this Requisition you are so good to grant, my Wife and Children, with a few Servants, shall be the first to profit by the Indulgence.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

(Signed) A. PREVOST.

(No. IX.)

Return of Casualties in the different Corps during the Siege.

16th Regiment. 2 Rank and File deserted.
60th Ditto. 4 Rank and File killed ; 1 Serjeant, 6 Rank and File wounded ; 2 Serjeants ; 5 Rank and File deserted.
1st Battalion 71st. 2 Lieutenants, 1 Serjeant, 6 Rank and File killed ; 17 Rank and File wounded ; 1 Rank and File missing ; 1 Rank and File deserted.
2d Battalion 71st. 1 Rank and File killed ; 1 Lieutenant, 4 Rank and File wounded ; 3 Rank and File deserted.
Trumbach. 4 Rank and File wounded.
Wessenbach. 5 Rank and File killed ; 1 Drummer, 2 Rank and File wounded ; 2 Rank and File deserted.
New-York Volunteers. 1 Serjeant killed ; 1 Serjeant, 2 Rank and File wounded ; 1 Drummer missing ; 1 Rank and File deserted.
1st Battalion de Lancy. 2 Rank and File killed ; 3 Rank and File wounded ; 1 Serjeant, 7 Rank and File deserted.
2d Battalion de Lancy. 1 Ensign killed ; 1 Drummer, 1 Rank and File missing ; 1 Drummer, 2 Rank and File deserted.
3d Battalion Skinner's. 1 Serjeant killed ; 1 Captain wounded ; 1 Drummer, 1 Rank and File deserted.
South Carolina Royalists. 4 Rank and File killed ; 1 Captain wounded.
North Carolina Volunteers. 1 Rank and File deserted.
King's Rangers. 1 Rank and File killed ; 1 Rank and File wounded ; 5 Rank and File deserted.