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Francis Marion to Peter Horry, August 27th 1780

Colo. Marion to Col. P. Horry dated 27th Augt. 1780 (Lynchs Creek)

Dr Sir,

I am sorry to acquaint you General Gates is defeated with great loss, he was oblige to retreat to Charlotte, which obliges me also to retreat. You will without loss of time retreat with what men you get to Britons Neck where I have encamped. It is necessary to obtain ammuniton, arms, accoutrements, and as many good horses and you can, also get stores from George Town. You will if possible send up the river to Briton's Neck. On the 20th instant I attacked a guard of the 63rd and Prince of Whales Regt. With a number of Tories, at the Great Savannah near Nelsons ferry, killed and has wounded_ Took 22 regulars and 2 Tories prisoners and retook 150 Continentals of the Maryland Line, and Waggon and a Drum, one Captain and one subaltern was also captured. Our loss is one killed and Captain Benson Kightly wounded on the head_ I shall be at Britons Neck with the prisoners and Continentals tomorrow morning. I must beg you'd retreat as immediately as you receive this, for I expect the enemy will send their horse in this part of the country, as soon as they can will recover a little from the great loss they sustained which is said is equal to a defeat. Genl. DeKalb, is killed, Dubesan wounded, the particulars have not come to hand. I beg youd procure me to quires of paper, I have not heard a word from you since you left me.

I am Dear Sir,

Your Obt. Servt,

F Marion