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Col. Marion to
Col. P. Horry dated
27th Augt. 1780 (Lynch's Creek)

D^r Sir

I am sorry to Acquaint you General Gates is defeated with great Loss, he was Oblidge to Retreat to Charlotte, which Oblige 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 Ammunition, Arms, & Accoutrements, & as many Good Horses as you can, also get Stores from George Town. You will if Possible send up the River to Britons Neck. On the 20th Instant I attached a Guard of the 63rd Prince of Wales Regt. with a Number of Tories, at the Great Savannah near Nelsons ferry, Killed & has wounded — Took 22 Regulars & 2 Tories Prisoners & Retook 150 Continentals of the Maryland Line, 1 Waggon & a Drum, one Captain and one subaltern was also captured, Our Loss is 1 Killed & Captain Benson slightly wounded on the head. I shall be at Britons Neck with the Prisoners & Continentals to-morrow 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 Recover a little from the Great Loss they sustained which is said is Equal to a Defeat. Genl. De Kalb, is killed, Duberan wounded, the particulars have not come to hand. I beg you'd procure ^{me} two Quires of Paper, I have not heard a word from you since you left me.

I am Dear Sir,
Your Obedt. Servt.
F. Marion