

all by the flour and the sub property of Alex<sup>r</sup> to be given up the town must be ruined

Horticulture &c in August 1814 at Springfield

Monday  
The 5<sup>th</sup>

It is very hot there is a great prospect of a fine crop of corn here -

3 The British off Plum Point our troubles increasing wheat  
 " from 50 to 75 Cents <sup>for</sup> ~~for~~ a fine time to pay Taxes now due

6 The news by this post is that the British continue destroying Tob<sup>o</sup>  
 " and carrying off blacks from Calvert County - Another bloody Battle  
 " on the 25<sup>th</sup> near Chippewa it was certainly a most severe fight  
 " we have rec<sup>d</sup> as yet but a very imperfect acct, it is said Gen. Kial is  
 " wounded & taken with 200 prisoners, that on the American side  
 " Gen<sup>l</sup> Brown & Scott severely wounded. <sup>of the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> brigade almost <sup>lost</sup> annihilated  
 " every field officer but one killed or severely wounded, one of G. Brown's  
 " aids <sup>of both</sup> Scotts severely wounded. <sup>of the</sup> acct says some of our wounded  
 " were taken <sup>we</sup> fear some prisoners, <sup>of that</sup> it is probable the remainder  
 " of the Army will immediately recross the Niagara - we shall soon  
 " have the British acct. I hope, what a shame it is we have no Peace  
 " it is probable the remnant of Gen Brown's army will be all made Prisoners  
 " in fact I cannot see how they can escape they must cross the Niagara or gone  
 " and I think Gen D. will be <sup>too</sup> quick for them, they may get to the Fort but  
 " but I cannot think they can escape capture, <sup>with</sup> such Troops as Drumm  
 " Commands unless Chancery comes out to help them, he is sick

13 The news by this post is that both fleets are out on the Lake Onta<sup>rio</sup>  
 " nothing of consequence from the Armies except that an engage<sup>mt</sup>  
 " was momentarily expected, no official acct yet of the Battle of the 25<sup>th</sup>  
 " which is very extraordinary, <sup>the</sup> British Com<sup>d</sup> up the Bay in Force

20 The news by this Post is from Falm<sup>outh</sup> as late as the 8 July, great talk of  
 " Peace in Eng<sup>land</sup>, but it seems they are determined to let us feel in Mary<sup>land</sup>  
 " Gen Ross burnt the President's House the Capital Navy<sup>yard</sup> & all the  
 " Public buildings this day we saw the Fire from M<sup>rs</sup> St. Mary's Hill, this  
 " will be a severe stroke against the Dem<sup>ocratic</sup> Party, wounded & a  
 " Prisoner with many others from Bat<sup>tle</sup>, this must be a durable disgrace  
 " to this Country, D<sup>r</sup> Murray was <sup>W<sup>m</sup></sup> wounded in 3 places he is carr<sup>d</sup> to Bat<sup>tle</sup>  
 " Amstrong <sup>has</sup> <sup>been</sup> <sup>driven</sup> away, <sup>W<sup>m</sup></sup> <sup>resigned</sup>, Alexandria under Contribution  
 " Geo Town to be defended by <sup>W<sup>m</sup></sup> <sup>Murroe</sup>, all the Houses round the Capital  
 " destroyed for <sup>W<sup>m</sup></sup> <sup>Bowles</sup> loss estimated at \$20,000. It seems is a Prisoner  
 " the <sup>Gen<sup>l</sup></sup> <sup>Hart's</sup> great sufferer, Gen Hill expected at East<sup>on</sup> with 40,000 Men  
 " the Navy's property is estimated at 5 Millions all destroyed, many  
 " Frigates lay between Alex<sup>andria</sup> & G<sup>eorgetown</sup> I had no news papers this week

27 nor do I expect any next (The Fed City) in great Confusion and the  
 " same at Bal<sup>timore</sup> & Annapolis, Alex<sup>andria</sup> gives up all public property, and  
 " all Tobacco & flour & I expect G<sup>eorgetown</sup> will do the same, in pitiful manner  
 " I wish to God we had an end of this unnatural war

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