

Diary - Springfield Farm, Southern Anne Arundel County

Entry for August 6, 1814

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"All the Tob.o & flour and the Pub property of Alex of to be given up the Town must be ruined  
all the shipping

Horticulture &c. in, August 1814 at Springfield

Monday the 1st it is very Hot there is a great prospect of a fine crop of corn here -

3 The British off Plumb Point our troubles encreasing Wheat

" from 50 to 75 cents P. Bushel a fine time to pay taxes now due

6 The news by this post is that the British continue destroying Tobo

" and carrying off blacks from Calvert County - Another bloody Battle

" on the 25th ult. near Chippewa it was certainly a most severe fight

" we have rec.d as yet but a very imperfect acct, it is said Gen. Rial is

" wounded + taken with 200 prisoners, that on the American side

" Gen.l Brown + Scott severely wounded & the 1st brigade almost annihilated

" every field officer but one killed or severely wounded, one of G Browns

" aids & both G Scotts severely wounded & the acct says some of our wounded

" were taken & we fear some prisoners, & that it is probable the remainder

" of the A 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 Browns army will be all made Prisoners

" in fact I cannot see how they can escape they must cross the Niagar or gone

" and I think Gen.l D. will be too quick for them, the may get to the Fort first

" but I cannot think they can escape Capture, with such troops as Drummond

" commands unless, Chauncey comes out to help them, he is sick

13 The news by this post is that both fleets are out on the Lake Ontaro.

" nothing of consequence from the Armies except that an engagement

" was momentarily expected. no official acct. yet of the Battle of the 25th ult.

" which is very extraordinary 18th The British com j. up the Bay in Force

20th The news by this Post is from Falmo. as late as the 8 July great talk of

" Peace in Engd, but is seems they are determined to let us feel in Maryd.

24 Gen Ross Burnt the President's House the Capital. Navy yd. + all the

Public buildings this day we saw the First from Mr. Stewarts Hill, this

will be a severe stroke against the Demo.s. Barney wounded & as

" Prisoner with many others from Bat.o this must be a durable disgrace

" to this country. Dr. Murrays son Wm. wounded in 3 places he is carr.d to Bato

" Armstrong run away Winder resign'd, Alexandria under Contribution

" Geo Town to be defended by Munroe all the Houses round the Capital

? destroyd Gov.r Bowies loss estimated at \$20000. Dr. Bean is a Prisoner

" the Gantts great sufferers. Gen Hill expected at Eastwd with 40,000 Men

" the Navy yd property is estimated at 5 Millions all destroyd, many

" Frigates lay between Alex.a & G Town. I had no newspapers this week

27 nor do I expect any nest the Fed City in great confusion and the

" same at Balo. + Annapolis, Alexa gives up all publick property and

" all Tobacco & flour & I expect GTown will do the same, in spite of Munroe

" I wish to God we had an end of this unnatural war.