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Washin Im City, October 21. Chaunce's Running Fight. The following letter, though dated many daysings, did not from some accidental and unaccountable delay, reach this city until yesterday, having been forwarded from Albany only on the 15th, as appears by the pust mark, on the envelope of the letter.

Copy of a letter from Com. Chauncey to the Secretary of the Navy

United States whip G neral Pike, off Niagara, 1st Oct. 1813. Sir-On the 26th ul. it was rewas in York-I immedia ely dispatched the Lady f the Lake to look into York, and ascertained the I very reluctantly relicquished the lic service will be promoted by with the information that the encmy was in York bay. I immediately prepared to weigh, but owing to a strong wind from N. N. E. was not able to get out of the river before the evening of the 27th, and owing to the extreme darkness of pumps to keep her free (owing to | I have great pleasure in acknowthe night, a part of the squadron got separated and did not join before below the water edge, that we from C ptain Sinclair during our next morning at 8 A. M. On the 28th, the General Pike, Madison and Sylich, each took a schooner in her fore mast gone, and the squad- The other officers and men behaved tow and made all sail for York. ron within about six miles of the to my perfect satisfaction, and were Soon after discovered the enemy's head of the Lake, blowing a gale extremely anxious to close with the fleet inder way in York bay, shap- of wind from East and increasing enemy even singly, and if he ever the passage of the bar at its mouth ed pur course for him and prepared with a heavy sea, and every ap- gives us an upportunity for close over which there is cix and a half mills affords the only fording to be for action-he perceived our in- pearance of the Equinox, I con- action, they will show that they are feet water. tention of engaging him in his po- sidered that if I chased the enemy not inferior to any of their countrysition, tacked and stood out of the to his anchorage at the head of the men. bay, wind at e-st. I formed the Lake, I should be obliged to anchor line and run down for his centre, also, and although we might suc-When we had approached within ceed in driving him on shore, the humble servant, about 3 miles he made all sail to the probability was that we should go southward-I were in succession on shore also-he amongst his and stood on the same tack with friends, we amongst our enemies, him, edging down gradually in or- and after the gale abated, if he der to close-at 10 minutes past could succeed in getting off one or meridian, the enemy, finding that two vessels out of the two fleets; it that he must either risk an action or command of the Lakes as if he had suffer his two rear vessels to be cut | 20 vessels. Moreover, he was cooff, he tacked in succession, begin- vered at his anchorage by a part of ning at the vap, hoisted his colours his army, and several small batteat this ship, for the purpose of co-

not only covered our rear but have him in confusion; he immediately pore away; he had however clos d so near as to bring our guns to bear with affect, and in 20 minutes the main and mizen top mast and main vard of the Wolf was shot aw y; he I made the signal for the fleer to make all sail; the enemy, however, squadron. As it brought all the extremely doubtful. Our 'main which had been left on an Island in sail upon one mast, he did not feel top gallant mast was shot a way in Lake Erie. the loss of his main and mizen top the early part of the action, and the

> whole of his fire during the chaser those by the bursting of the gun.-(owing to the indisposition of ed. Lieut. Pettigrew) behaved with of much promise. Capt. Woolsey ,the eastward .- I thought it imporhe vy guns.

reasons that I d to this determina- of the Lake, and if possible prevention were such as I flatter myself | ting his return to Kingston, while that you will approve; they were he proceeds with the army for these: At the time I gave up the Sackett's Harbor. I shall therechase, this ship was making so fore, proceed immediately in quest much water, that it required all our of the enemy. our receiving several shot so much | ledging the assistance I re eievd could not plug the holes from the chase, in using his best exertions to outside) the Cov. Tompkins with bring this ship into close action. we were closing last with him and would give him as completely the and commenced a well directed fire ries thrown up for the purpose Therefore, if we could have rode vering his rear, and attacking our out the gale, we should have been

at the expense of my country.

The less sustained by this ship was considerable owing to her being so long exposed to the fi e of the whole of the enemy's fleet, but our most serious loss was occasioned by the bursting of one of our fore castle, which rendered the gun. upon that deck useless. We had who commanded her for this cruise by which means they finally escap-

great gillantry and is an officer night, but the wind still blows from

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Sir, your most obedient

ISAAC CHAUNCEY, Hon. William Jones, Secretary of the Navy.

HARRISON'S VICTORY.

Copy of a letter from Major-General flarrison to the Secretary of

Head-Quarters, Detroit,

9th Oct . 1, 1813. SIR-In my letter from Sandwich the 30th ultimo, I did myself

Johnson's Mounted Regiment and mouth had been taken up by the mmediately put before the wind guns, which killed and wounded 22 of this place and the sick was com-

sels of considerable burthen, after with provisions and ammunition.

as well as to cover the passage of streams; the banks being low and the country generally open, (Praibanks high and woody. The Commodore and myself, therefore acession (preserving our line) for opportunity then presenting itself to take with me only about one son's, is the 3d unfordable branch; march. One of the enemy's war-

such of Governor Shelby's Volun- Indians as well as that at McGre- a teers as were fit for a rapid march, gor's Mills, I mile above-several the whole amounting to about three | hundred of the Indians remained thousand five hundred men. To to dispute our passage, and, upon Gen. M'Arthur (with about seven the arrival of the advanced guard, hundred effectives) the protecting commenced a heavy fire from the opposite bank of the creek as Well and set all sail upon his foremast; men, and tore up the top gallant mitted. Gen. Cass' Brigade and as that of the river. Believing the corps of Lieut. Col. Ball were that the whole force of the enemy left at Sandwich, with orders to fol- was there, I halted the army, formkeeping dead before the wind, was four other guns cra ked in the low me as soon as the m-h receiv- ed in order of battle, and brought enabled to out sail most of our muzzle, which rendered their use ed their knapsacks and blankets, up 2 6 pounders, to cover the party that were ordered to repair the bridge-a few shot from those pie-The unavoidably delay at Sand- ces soon drove off the Indians, and bow sprit, fire and main mast wich was attended with no disad. Enabled us in 2 hours, to repair the I continued the chase until nearly wounded, rigging and sails much vantage to us. Gen. Proctor had bridge and cross the troops. Col. 3 o'clock, during which I was ena- cut up, and a number of shot in posted himself at Dalson's on the Johnson's Mounted Regiment bebled in this ship (with the Aspin our hill, several of wich were be- right bank of the Thames (or ing upon the right of the army, had tow) to keep within point blank tween wind and water, and 27 men Trench) fifty-six miles from this selzed the remains of the bridge at shot of the enemy and sustained the killed and wounded, including place, where I was informed he intended to fortify and wait to receive the Indians. Our loss upon this Capt. Crane in the Madison; and The Madison received a few shot, me. He must have believed, how- occasion, was two killed and three Lient. Brown in the Oneida used but no person hurt on board. The ever, that I had no disposition to or four wounded-that of the ereevery exertion to close with the en- Gov. Tompkins lost her foremast follow him, or that he had secured my was ascertained to be consideemy, but the Madison having a and the Oneida her main top mast heavy schooner in tow and the badly wounded. We have, howeOneida sailing very dull before the ver repaired nearly all our damages. Indians would attack and destroy ble number of muskets had been wind, prevented those officers from and are ready to me the enemy, this place upon the advance of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as in the enemy, this place upon the advance of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as in the enemy, we have the enemy, we have the enemy of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set of the set on fire—but it was extinguished as a set of the set of cution with their carronades. The of the enemy's small vessels was the breaking up the bridges until ed. At the first farm above the Govenor Tompkins kept in her star completely in our power, if I could the night of the second inst. On bridge, we found one of the energy tion, until her formast was so badly have been satisfied with so partial a that night our army reached the my's vessels on fire, loaded with wounded as to oblige her to shorten victory but I was so sure of the tiver, which is twenty-five miles arms and ordnance stores, and sail. Lieut. Finch of the Madison whole that I passed them unnoticed from Sandwich and is one of four learned that they were a few miles streams crossing our route, over all ahead of us, still on the right bank of which are bridges, and being of the river with the great body of The gale continued until last deep and muddy, are unfordable for the Indians. At Bowles' farm, a considerable distance into the four miles from the bridge, we halcountry-the bridge here was found ted for the night, found two other in the Sylph was kept astern by the tant to communicate with General entire, and in the morning I pro- vessels and a large distillery filled Ontario, which he had in tow, but Wilkinson, to ascertain when he ceeded with Johnson's regiment to with ordnance and other valuable ported to me that the enemy's fleet did considerable execution with his meant to move with his army. I save if possible the others. At the stores to an immense amount in therefore ran off this place for that second bridge over a branch of the flames—it was imposible to put At 15 minutes before 3 P. M. purpose, and he thinks that the pub- river Thames, we were fortunate out the fire-2 twenty four pounenough to capture a Lieut, of Dra- ders with their carriages were tafact-she returned in the evening pursuit of a beaten enemy-the my watching Sit James at the head goons and eleven privates, who had ken, and a large quantity of balk been sent by Gen. Proctor to de- and shells of various sizes. The stroy them. From the prisoners I army was put in motion early on learned that the third bridge was the morning of the 5th. I pushed broken up and that the enemy had on in advance with the Mounted no certain information of our ad. Regiment, and requested Gov. vance. The bridge having been Shelby to follow as expeditiously imperfectly destroyed, was soon re- | as possible with the infantry. The paired and the army encamped at governor's zeal and that of his men Drake's farm, four miles below Dal. enabled them to keep up with the cavalry, and by 9 o'clock, we were The river Thames, along the at Arnold's Mills, having taken in banks of which our route lay, is a the course of the morning 2 gun fine deep stream, navigable for ves- boats and several batteaux foaded

A rapid at the river at Arnold's met with for a very considerable The baggage of the army was distance, but, upon examination, brought from Detroit in boats pro- it was found too deep for the infantected by 3 gun-boats, which Com- try. . Having, however, fortunately Perry had furnished for the purpose taken two or three boats and some Indian canoes on the spot, and the army over the Thames itself, obliging the horsemen to take a or the mouths of its tributary footman behind each, the whole were safely crossed by 12 o'clock. -Eight miles from the crossing, ries) as high as Dalson's, these we passed a farm, where a part of vessels were well calculated for the British troops had encamped that purpose. Above Dalson's, the night before, under the comhowever the character of the river mand of col. Warburton. The deand adjacent country is considera- tachment with Gen. Proctor had arble changed. The former, though rived the day before at the Morastill deep, is verry narrow, and its vian towns, 4 miles higher up. Being now certainly near the enemy, I directed the advance of greed upon the propriety of leaving Johnson's regiment to accelerate rear as he passed to leeward; per- cut up by their shot from the shore: the honour to inform you, that I the boats under a guard of 150 in- their march for the purpose of procriving his intention, I was deter- under all these circumstances and was preparing to pursue the enemy fanty, and I determined to trust curing intelligence. The officers mined to disappoint him, therefore taking into view the consequences the following day. From various to fortune and the bravery of my commanding it, in a short time. as soon as the Wolf (the leading resulting from the loss of our super causes, bowever I was unable to proops to effect the pussage of the sent to inform me, that his progress ship) passed the centre of his line riority on the Lakes at this time, I put the troops in motion until the river. Below a place called Cha- was stopped by the enemy, who and abeam of us, I bore up in suc- without hesitation relinquished the morning of the 2nd inst. and then I tham, and four miles above Dal- were formed across our line of