

authority that a Force of more than a thousand
Troops and Militia men aided by detach-
ments of Seamen and Marines from the
Enemy's Squadron in New London, lined the
banks of the river, and were in Boats to oppose
his return, and by the Enemy's summons to
surrender, they must have been themselves
convinced of their overwhelming force, but
nothing could intimidate him and his
gallant associates, his cool decision, in
waiting till dark, before he returned; his
judicious arrangements, then in dropping
the boats silently down the stream (without
rowing), baffled all the vigilance of the
Enemy, and he passed thro the heaviest of
their fire; his men giving three cheers.

I request of you to recommend
Captain Coote to the notice of the Commander
in Chief, and make known to him in the
most favourable terms, the good order, regular-
ity, gallantry and discipline with which
every individual employed on this Service
conducted himself, underneath I subjoin
a statement of our force employed on
this occasion.

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