

of their dwelling houses & mills.

I cherished the hope that
the sword at the just
retaliation inflicted for the
destruction of the Village of
Newark would have deterred
the enemy from recurring
to similar acts of barbarity.
Under that impression I
issued the Proclamation of
the 4th January last which
has since been most
scrupulously adhered to by
the Troops under my
command, and it is
with painful reluctance
I now feel myself
compelled to return to a

system