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nobly defending his country's cause, having repulsed the enemy, driving them from breast works, received a ball through his body, by which he expired in about three-quarters of an hour afterwards. He was carried off the field to a house, his most valuable things secured, and as our people lost the ground, we were obliged to leave him there; the people of the house promised to have him interred.

According to General Smallwood, in a letter written to Governor Johnson, "Capt. Cox of Baltimore, a brave and valuable, officer, with Lieut. Crost, of Johnson's regiment, and several other brave officers and men, were killed within twenty paces of the enemy's lodgment before they were dispossessed of it." We also know that Cox was by profession a tailor in Baltimore town, and that on September 19 he had been promoted to the rank of major, although he was killed before the commission reached him. What we do not know about Captain Cox is whether the letter he wrote to his wife from "Downing's Town on the Lancaster Road" on September 20 reached her before the news of his death:

Dear Wife: I take this opportunity to acquaint you that I am yet well and hearty, and thank God for all his mercies. We marched 20 odd miles yesterday, which, marching in brigade, made it a little severe on the men, and fagged them. We are now about marching, and expect to join General Wayne this day....May Heaven guard and protect us all, and return us safe to our respective homes.

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Washington and his army had been soundly trounced at the Battle of Germantown, but they considered it a victory! General Wayne wrote on October 6 that "upon the Whole it was a Glorious day. Our men are in the highest Spirits, and I am Confident we shall give them total Defeat the next Action." Gen. George Weedon apparently expressed the prevailing mood of the other officers and men when he wrote that "Though the enterprise miscarried, it was worth the undertaking." Col. Mordecai Gist was so certain the British had been dealt such