White Marsh Bladen County 15th Sept. 1780.

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On the 3d Inst I had advice that upwards of two hundred Tory Intended to attack me the next day, I immediatly marched with 53 Men, which is all I could get, on the 4th in the morning I surprised a party of 45 Men, which I mistook for the main body; I killed and wounded all but 15, which Escaped, I then marched immediatly to attack the main body, which I met about 3 miles in full March towards me, I Doubtly attacked them, And put them to flight (though they had 200 men) And got in to an Impossible swamp to all but Torys, I had one man wounded in the first action And three in the Second, and two Horses killed; finding it impossible to come at them I returned to camp - the next day I was informed they all Dispersed — on the fifth I was Joined by about 60 Men; I then throughed up a Small redoubt, to Secure my camp from being surprised by the Torys, should they again collect. —

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On the 9th I crossed P.D. and Lynches Creek With one hundred men and left 50 to secure my Camp and the river; to attack a party of Regulars And militia, said to be 150, which was in Williams==burg township, a Burning all the Houses of the Men who had Joined me. when I had got to Indian Town, Capt. James who I had sent to reconiter the Enemy, met me; he had taken a Prisoner belonging to Col. Forguson rifle regt., by whom I learnt that they was 200 British, and a number of Torys, & that Major Weems with 200 Men, was to Join them that night, they was sent after dark