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SC Audited Account¹ No. 6700

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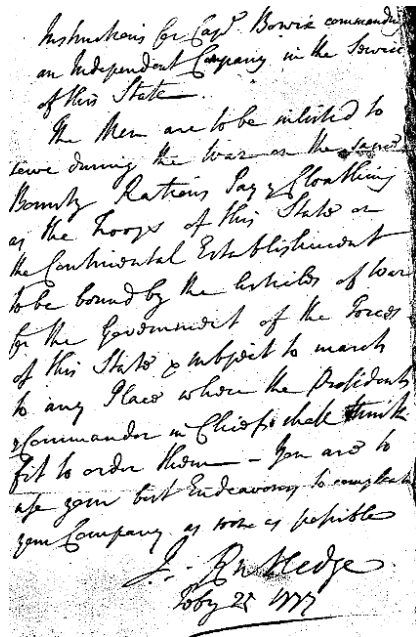
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² [John Bowie SC12](#)

Williamson, Andrew, Camp Two Miles Below Keowee, Letter To John Rutledge Detailing The Events Of An Ambush By The Cherokee And The Death Of Francis Salvador (2 Pages; Printed, Drayton, Memoirs Of The American Revolution, Ii, Pp. 369-71) Date: 8/4/1776

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Camp two miles below Keowee August 4, 1776

Sir

I received your Excellency's favours of the 26th & 27th Ulta, by Express. In my last letter to your Excellency of the 31st Ulta I informed you of my Spies being returned with two white prisoners; who gave an Account of Camro's [sic, Alexander Cameron's] being Arrived from over the Hills with twelve white Men, and that he with the [undeciphered word] and other Indians, were encamped at Oconore Creek, about thirty ~~Nine~~ Miles distance from [text too faint to discern] three Mile Creek, where I then lay encamped, this Intelligence induced [paper damaged and text missing] [text too faint to discern] immediately to attack their Camp, before they could receive any Information of my being So far advanced, I accordingly marched about Six O'Clock in the Evening with 398 [? Very faint] Men on Horseback, I taking the two prisoners with me to show where the Enemy were Encamped, & told them before I set out if [text too faint to discern] [paper damaged and text missing] they Deceived me, I would Order them Instantly to be put to Death, intend[paper damaged, text missing] Surround their Camp by daybreak, and to leave our Horses about two Miles behind with a party of Men to guard them, the River Keowee lying [paper damaged and text missing] Rout [route], and only passable at a ford at Seneca obliged me (though much against my Inclination[]), to take that Road, the Enemy either having discovered my march or [word obliterated] themselves in ambush, with a design to cut off any Spies or party I had set out, Had taken possession of the first Houses [? paper damaged] in Seneca, and posted themselves behind a long Fence on an eminence Close to the Road where we were to March, and to pre[paper damaged and text missing] had filled up the Openings between the Rails with [paper damaged and text missing] Corn Blades, they suffered the Guides and advance Guard to pass, a Gun from the house was discharged (meant as I suppose for a Signal for those placed behind the Fence, who a few seconds after poured in a heavy fire upon my Men, which being unexpected, staggered my advanced party. – Here Mr. Salvador received three Wounds, and fell by my side, my Horse was shot down under me, but I received no hurt. – Lieut. Farar of Captain Princes [probably Capt. Francis Prince's] Company immediately supplied me with His I desired him to take care of Mr. Salvador, but before he could find him in the dark, the Enemy unfortunately got his Scalp, which was the only one taken. – Captain Smith [probably Capt. Thomas Keeling Smith] Son of the late Captain Aaron Smith

saw the Indian, but thought it was his Servant taking care of his Master, or could have prevented it. He died about half after two o'Clock in the Morning, 45 minutes after he received the wounds sensible to the last, when I came up to him after dislodging the Enemy, and speaking to him, he asked whether I had beat the Enemy, I told him yes he said he was glad of it, and Shook me by the Hand, and bad me farewell and said he would die in a few moments. – Two men died in the Morning and Six More ^{who were} badly Wounded; I have since sent down to the Settlements, and given directions to Doct.^s Delahowe [sic, John de la Howe] & Russell attend them—I remained on the Ground till daybreak, and burnt the [paper damaged and text missing] on this side the River, and afterwards Crossed the River, the same day, reduced Seneca entirely to Ashes. Knowing that the Indians would carry Immediate intelligence of my strength, to the place where Ca[paper damaged and text missing] lay encamped who would directly move from thence. and having ordered the detachment from Colonels Neils [sic, Col. Thomas Neel of the New Acquisition District Regiment of SC militia] and Thomas's [Col. John Thomas, Sr. of the Spartan Regiment of SC militia] Regiment to attack and destroy Estatoe, ___ and Toxaway and join me this day at sugar Town obliged me to March that way, which this day a strong [[paper damaged and text missing]cht [probably 'detachment'] Consisting of 400 Men has totally reduced to Ashes; only an [paper damaged and text missing] Indian was found there, who said the Enemy had deserted the Town four days ago, on ~~having~~ hearing by a white Man, that an army was [paper damaged and text missing]ncing [probably, 'advancing'] against them.

[Letter from Col. Andrew Williamson³ to Governor John Rutledge]

[In a different handwriting and in very faint script, the following appears at the bottom of this letter:

The white Prisoners gave account that Cammeron had a few days before come from over the Hills with 13 [?] [undeciphered word] Men & had encamped at a place about Thirty miles [from] our Camp & that there were about 150 white Men & [undeciphered word] there & that their women & Children had all left the Towns & were encamped near that place about the distance of five miles in length. About one in the morning we entered the Town of Seneca which we had certain accounts by a party of our Men who had been there two days before were entirely evacuated, we had therefore, not the least suspicion with meeting ~~with~~ any opposition there—the road went pass fince [fence] & not being above 12 or 15 yards to a steep descent what rendered it impossible finding but a few of our Men to engage at a time. The guides & a few others advanced up to the houses when they fired 5 or 6 Guns on us without any damage than killing a horse, then they began an heavy fire upon this advance guard until by which Salvador was shot thro the body& left [undeciphered word] & Salvador falling among the bushes it [several words too faint to discern] they got his Scalp.—he died without knowing he was scalped. & would [several words too faint to discern] blankets. [Several undeciphered words] fell into our hands were very bloody & a great may tracts [tracks] of blood were seen the way they retreated.—Next day Wmson [Williamson] retreated to his Camp in order to proceed to join Neel & Thomas.

This attack was by 30 [?] Ind. & 30 White Men last one Ind. killed & 3 wounded

The Indians here had observed the Major's march alarmed their Camp upon which about 30 Indians & as many white men went to Seneca & placed themselves in ambush. The Indians had one killed & 3 wounded.

Seneca 4 miles long on east side the River
[undeciphered words] burnt Asigust [?] & Sugar Town & Keowee—

³ [Andrew Williamson SC71](#)