

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 5, 1935.

Dear Helen:-

At last we are getting somewhere. This new batch from the British Admiralty, via Ambassador Bingham, is very interesting. The spelling of the place names is somewhat phonetic. Apparently the landing party at Poughkeepsie did their job in two hours. The interesting part is that, without checking the dates with ~~their~~ other records, it looks as though the first attack at Poughkeepsie was on Sunday, October 12, 1777; that on Tuesday, October 14th, this ship was back at Anthony's Nose and that the return to Poughkeepsie with a transport was made on Wednesday, October 15th.

Note particularly Thursday, October 23rd - "saw the Rebel Army posting themselves advantageously behind the Heights of Poughkeepsie." Very possibly the next sentence - "brought too to scour the Narrow Pass between Esopas Meadow and the heights that the enemy were posted upon" refers to the high land on the east side of the river between the Vanderbilt place and Poughkeepsie. This would account for cannon balls in Rosy's garden and would check with other statements that the American troops followed the ships on their way down the river, firing into them from every possible high point of vantage along the banks.



Always sincerely,

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(Enclosures)

Brought to = hours to = "stopped"