August 23d 1778

Memorandom of Expences attending
Coming from the french fleet Viz^t

Gave to a Boat to Carry us on
Shore 1s 4

To Cash p^d for Supper & Lodging . . 9

To So much paid for horse hire
Going from Naragansit
to providence say Batuarst } 1s 11

To Cash paid for Dinner &c
Club and Breakfast . . . 1s 6

24th To Cash paid for 1 bowl of
Grog 6

paid for washing one
Shirt pair of Stockings han=
=kerchief and Stock } 5

paid for 3 Nights Lodging 6
carried forward 4s 16

25th	Bro.t forward	4..16
	paid my Traveling Expences from Patuxet to Capt.n Eatons in the Bounds of Connecticut 30 miles	£1..1..
26	paid for Shoeing my Horse	18
	paid at Eatons Tavern for my Horse and Self	9..6

Memorandom of Sundry Trans-
actions from my Leaving Rhinebeck in
the State of New yorke taking Arrival
on board the Lector of Th Gunes com
manded by Capt: Morris viz
on Wednesday the 15th July set out
from Rhinebeck in order to Meet
Frederick Jay Esqr to Consult with
him about our business, as Agents
for the Patriotic Trading Company
and Arrived about noon met Mr
Jay and Concluded to set out for Bos
ton in a few Days in order to pur=
chase some goods, on Thursday 16th
News Came of the Arrival of the French
fleet off Sandy hook, I was importun
to go on board to Assist them, in

Endeavouring to gett into some port o
in the Sound between Long Island an
~~Newport~~ by Mair I accordingly a
in Company with Capt Benson and Smith
the Evening of said day set out fr
Poughkeepsie and the Next day
arrived at General Washingtons h
Quarters, had horses provided for us to
proceed to the fleet then Laying at
=dy hook on Saturday the 18th Sett o
and got five miles beyond Elizabeth
Town where we all Lodged Mr Hamil
the Generals Aid De Camp Came in 6
with us Sunday the 19th we all arru
at Black point and on monday morn
the 20th went on board the Languedo
the French Generals Ship of 110 Gu
the 21st went on board the Lecture
22 the Wind Came on very hard from
Eastward and whole French fleet c

Sail and Continued Turning to
wind the whole of the Day without
getting very far from the Land at abou
Sun Setting the High Land of the new
sink Bore N W by N somewhat North.
the fleet standing of to the S E Close
by the Wind distance about 6 Leagues
the Next morning 23 Sounded had
28 fathoms water with Course
yellow Sand or Gravel at Noon
by observation found the Ship to be
in Lattitude 39 d 26 at Evening
Sounded and had but 20 fathoms
fine Grey Sand. Stood of to the
E S E under Low Sail, Close by the
wind the Wind blowing hard the
Next morning 24th the wind Sh

Continuuing to the N E but mi
abated, our Course I Conclude m
have been made good about 2
S E By S 96 miles in the afto
-noon the wind Shifted to Eastward and
Continued Thestling till it got to abo
South South East and Calmed in the
Evening the 25th in the morning a
Small Breze from the Southward
observed in Lattitude 38:51 in the
Evening the wind Shifted to the N E
Stood of to the Southward the 26th
in the morning had much rain wi
Light Airs of wind to the N E at abo
Noon the wind Shifted to the S E
Cleared fr judged our selves in
Lattitude 39 ° 6 — with Montauk point on
Long 70 °
Bearing North the afternoon fa
fine weather and a remarkabl

smooth sea with a Sea Breeze of
wind from S.E. prepared for Landing
the men our Quota being 374 the
whole to be Landed out of the fleet
is 4000 men Sea winds from the
S.E. the whole of the Night, Monday the
20th the winds Continued between
the South and East, several Vessels
appeared in Sight of the fleet at
about Noon the Generals Ship
made a Signal for Chasing when
4 Ships made Sail and Stood to
the Eastward in Chase of 2 or 3 Vessels
which was seen that way two others
of the fleet made Sail to the N.ward
in Chase of a Sail seen that way
The wind this afternoon Inclining
to the ~~North~~ South observed this Day in
Lattitude 39.. 30 Supposed Block Island

to Bear about N° by East, Distance
about 100 miles this Night Lite
Breezes till Toward day when the
wind Sprung up fresh, on Tuesday
29 Fresh Breeze from the S'ward
at about 11 o'clock made the Long Island
about 5 Leagues to the westward
of Montauk point the Comma
dant and a frigate gave chase
to something we saw in the offin
returned about 2 o'clock and all th
fleet made sail to the N&W & N&E
at about 4 made block Island bear
ing N& Distance 5 Leagues stood a
to the N&B&E Cleared Between de
of the mens Cloathing and jacks
the General made a Signal for an
=choring at 7 o'clock anchored with
the whole fleet in 25 fathoms water

at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning the
30th we weighed Anchor and Steered
over N E by N for Rhode Island Cleared
Ships for Engaging Expecting to Sail
Immediately into the Harbour of Newport
at 12 o'clock we arrived of the Harbour
and Laid off an on till 4 o'clock when
the Admiral made a Signal for the
fleet to anchor except one frigate &
one 64 Gun Ship who was Sent
to Guard the passage to the East end
of Rhode Island Called Seconnet the fleet
Bore down and anchored in about 20 fathom at the Eight hour
Thursday morning 31st fine weather
N by W. 5 miles two points East on board
the wind about West a Ship of 54
Guns was Sent up the Channel west
of Conanicut Island a Small Batte
ry on the West side of the Island fire
Eight or ten Guns which was returned

by the Ship as she passed, at about
½ past 10 o'clock. a 64 Gun Ship we
sent forward up the same passage, but
was not fired at, we could Descern
from our Ship a large Smoak whe
we Judged the fort was, and Concluded th
British had Destroyed their fortificatio
on Conanicut, and had evacuated the
Island, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, was Seen o
Rhode Island about Sea miles E from
New port a Very Large Smoak wherever
very Suddenly, apearing like the explosion
of Powder, whether this was ocationed by
the Destruction of some of their out work
or was some Signal do not know, as no
report was heard and the Smoak Soon
Disapeared, this afternoon Several american
Privateers from the westward Came in among

the fleet we received intelligence that the
Englishe had evacuated their out posts
on Rhode Island and Blown them up at
this Evening Signals was made that a fleet of
6 Sail was in in Sight the Ships all made
Sail and Stood out to the SE in the morning
of Friday 31st
Saw Some of the above mentioned fleet to the
westward of Block Island the wind a Light air
from the SW, Came in before the Harbour of
Rhode Island an Anchored in about 15 fathom
water Several American Privateers with
the fleet, Heard that the 2 Frigates which
to the Eastward had Destroyed one Ship of
20 Guns and 2 Gallays in the East passage
on Saturday 1st employed Landing the Sick
from out of the Ships and Sent the prisoners
to Providence I went on Shoar with the
Small Boat with the Steward of the Ship
to get Some Provisions for the Ships Such as
Fowles Eggs Butter and Vegetables at Evening
returned with a Quantity of those articles

Sunday 2nd A[illegible]t our Long boat
that Carried the Sick on shore return[illegible]
with water for the Ship the fleet being
Generally very short Saw Several [illegible]
English frigates before Newport under Sail
at Evening the frigate in our fleet got
under Sail in order to watch the Harbour
that the English frigates should not get out
of the Harbour unknown to the fleet
Monday 3rd August fine weather the
Long Boat and a Small forge Sloop
were Sent on Shore for water the
Small Boat went on Shore & I went
in her in order to get Some Cloathes
washed this afternoon one Ship of 70
Guns and one frigate was Sent to Cou[illegible]
[illegible] of Block Island on Tuesday 4th Thur[illegible]
fair weather the wind from the South
ward one Seventy four Gun Ship was
Sent up the West Channel one other
was anchored Close of the mouth of
Rhode Island Harbour

Wednesday 5th. Moderate Thick Weather
the Ship and frigate from Block Island
returned the boats on shoar watching no
appearance of an Attack yet
Thursday 6th the wind from the NW thick
foggy nothing remarkable till Saturday
8th when a Signal was made by the Gen
al for the fleet to get under Sail at about
in the afternoon a Signal was made to
form a Line when the Languedoch led the
Van and we Sailed into the Harbour on
the East side of Conanicut through a most
pleasant fire of Cannon from the forts
of Brentons point fort Island and two forts
from New port and anchored between Gold
Island and Conanicut in about 15 fathom
water on Sunday the 9th we landed out of
our Ships of Soldiers Marines and Sailors
62 men in order to Join General Sullivan
to attack Rhode Island but about Noon a fleet
of thirty Six Sail of English appeared in Sight

when the men were all ordered on board
again and the Ships made clear for action
on Monday the 10th the wind sprung up
from the Northward a Signal was made
for the fleet to cut their Cables and com
to sail as soon as possible but in going
out received a very Heavy fire from
the forts in which we had Seven Killed
and several wounded our Ship received sim
Damage in her upper works but Before we
could get out of the Harbour the English
fleet Cut their Cables and put to Sea
with all the sail they Could Crowd at Eve
=ning Could no see that we gained anything
of them we Continued the Chase all night
on Tuesday the 11th in the morning found
they had gained Ground of us we still Cha
=sed but wind blowing a Strong brise from
the N E they stood of to the S E but finding we
out Sailed them they altered their Course to the
SW and round to West at about 5 o'clock in

the afternoon our quadro rost Ships came
within about 2 miles of their Slumm
they formed in a line and made the
appearance of Engaging us we then
formed our line but the wind blowing
very Hard and the Sea Running High we
could not Engage the wind Shifted to the E N E
a signal was made for the fleet to bring
to which was Done at 7 o'clock with their
heads to the South ward in the night came
on a Violent Gale of wind in which our
Admiral Ships Lost her Bow Sprit and
all her masts and the Marseiles of 74
guns Lost their main Topmast and bowsprit the
Jowrnant of 80 Guns Lost her Mizen Top
mast the Gale Continued very hard all
Wednesday the 12th ~~and Thursday the 13th~~ the fleet still Laying too
Lost Sight of the Vessell that had Lost
her mast on the Friday 13th at night the gale abated and
the wind Shifted to the N W ward and

Round to the W. West made Sail to the
N'ward Close by the wind all night, in
the morning of Friday the 12th Saw the
Languedock Bearing WSW Distance
about 3 Leagues Several English
Ships of war in Sight but they soon
made all the Sail they Could and Stood
in for Sandy Hook when we Came up
we found the Languedock in a very
Shattered Condition having not a mast
and her Rudder head Split
Standing and had been attacked the
Night before by an English man of war
of 50 Guns several of the fleet Gave Chase
to Ships in Sight, Toward Evening one
of the fleet returned with a Bermuda
Sloop in Tow which had Lost her
mast and one other with the Ships
Marseilles in Tow who had that morning
been attacked by an English Ship of

50 Guns, the Sanguidak and Marsulas
preparing for Getting Jury masts up
on Satterday Morning the 15th at Day
light Saw a Small Ship to the wind
ward of us we made Sail and soon
came up with her and after firing
a few Shott Struck her Colours. She
proved to be the Bengall Sloop of
war Commanded by Capt.n John Eng
Englis had been out from Sandy
Hook 14 Days Cruising as they Said
for Admiral Byrons Squadron
which was Expected on the Cost of
America fine weather on Sunday

morning 16th Came to anchor Near
the Languedock and Marcilles in
35 fathoms water in Lattitude 39-
=00 this Day the Two Ships Got up
Jury-Masts and yards across fine
weather but a Large Swell prepared
to get Sails for the Ships on monday
morning 17th fine weather the Boats
of the fleet Employed in assist
ing the Languedock and Marseil
is in the afternoon about 4 O'clock
a Signal was made for the fleet
to ~~make sail~~ weigh anchor
at about 5 Got under Sail
Set fire to the Bomb Vessel and
Stood to the N.E on Tuesday the

18th in the morning about Sun ri
Saw a Large Ship to the westwa
a Signal was made to Chace, wh
2 Ships one of 50 the other of 60
Guns made Sail and Stood to th
West ward was in hopes it wo
Chesr our third Admiral who
we Lost Sight of in the Gale of wi
Small wind and Clear weathe
with a Smooth Sea Could ma
make much head way the La
guerock and Marsules Sailed
So Heavy Jun weather and a sm
Smooth Sea on wednesday 19th at
about 10 o Clock in the morn
Saw Long Island ~~Burning~~ abou

10 Leagues from the East End
at Evening came to anchor to
Montauk point Bearing N by W
Distance 5 Leagues in the morning
of Thursday the 20th we weigh'd at
about 3 o Clock at Day Light
saw Block Island Bearing N by E
Distance 5 Leagues at about
4 o Clock in the afternoon anchored
in about 15 fathoms Water the Light
house at New port Bearing N N West
Distance 4 miles on Friday 21st
the Ships Boat landed my self
Capt. Sweet and Capt. Allen
on Naragansett at a place called
the South ferry went up and lo-
-ged at one Gardiners a Tavern

On Satterday 22d we Travelled
up to Paluat within 5 miles
of Providence and Staid with
Capt.n Aborn who was so kind
as to Ask me to Stay with him

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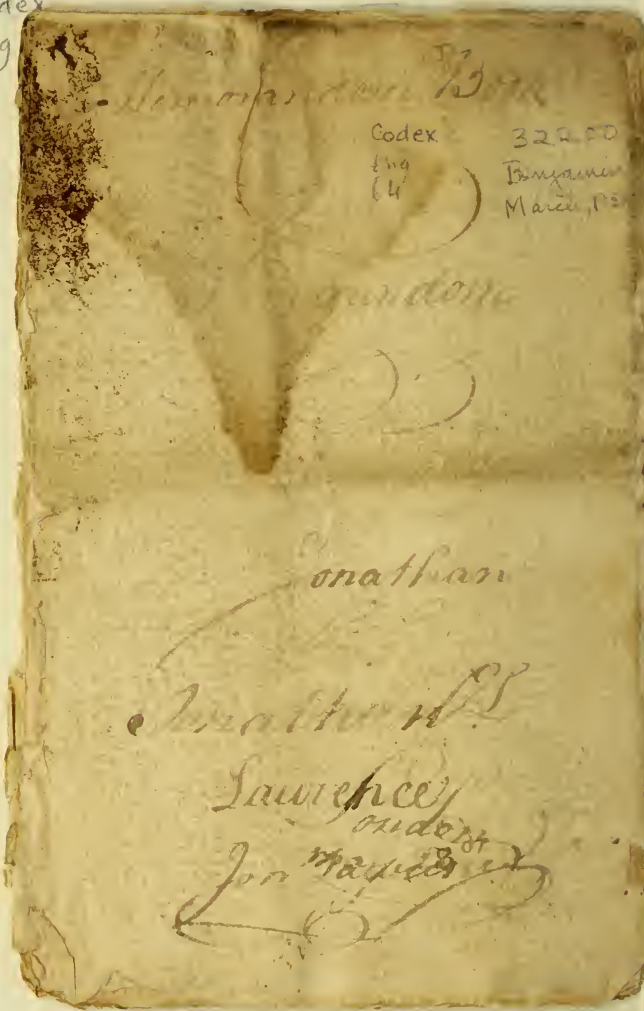

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