**FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD**

**NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018**

**ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**

**TO BE HELD DECEMBER 5;**

**TRUSTEE MIKE CERVINI RETIRES**

Our annual meeting and elections, as required by our by-laws, will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, located at 125 Symmes Drive in Manalapan (phone 732-431-7220).

The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM (not 7:00 PM as in the past). We will summarize activities for the year and will preview events for next year.

Ballots for trustees and officers, and for the annual plan and the budget for 2019, will be received in person then if not mailed in previously. Ballots will be counted at the meeting and the results will be tallied and announced. Ballots and election information are being mailed separately to paid up members.

The nominating committee presented its slate of officers at the October 10 board meeting. The annual plan for 2019 and annual budget for 2019 were also discussed and approved. At the same meeting Linda Spangle was elected to the board to serve the remainder of Rich Bellamy’s term as trustee; he passed away earlier this year, as reported in the last newsletter.

David Martin is nominated to serve a fifth term as President. George Dawson is nominated to continue as Vice President. Kathy Doherty is nominated to continue as Treasurer and Fran Raleigh as Secretary. Trustees Andy Beagle, David Martin, Marilyn Miller and Peter Wagner are each nominated to serve a new three year term.

We regret to inform you that long-serving Trustee Mike Cervini will be stepping down as Trustee after close to twenty years of service. We sincerely thank Mike for his many years on the board. He was especially instrumental in helping to reorganize the Friends during our financial crisis fifteen years ago. He has also been a big help at reenactments and other events. We hope he will enjoy his retirement but will still come and visit us at the Park!

A list of current officers and trustees is listed later in this newsletter, and also on our website, [www.friendsofmonmouth.org](http://www.friendsofmonmouth.org).

**FOMB HAS INFORMATION TABLE  
 AT MONMOUTH COUNTY ARCHIVES DAY**

The Friends was well represented at Monmouth County Archives Day, which was held on Saturday, October 13, at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library on Symmes Drives in Manalapan. Every year sixty or more history groups from Monmouth County and around the state have display and information tables at the all-day event.

Thanks go to Trustee Andy Beagle for setting up and manning our information table and to David Martin for arranging the sale of books, pamphlets and maps. New Trustee Linda Spangle was also at the event, helping out at the information table for Battleground Historical Society, for which she is also an officer.

**FOMB WEBSITE ENRICHED**

**WITH SUPERB COLOR BATTLE MAPS**

We are delighted to announce that our website has recently been enriched with a set of eighteen detailed maps of the battle drawn by former Park historian Dr. Garry Wheeler Stone. Dr. Stone drew the maps for the book he co-authored with Mark Lender, *Fatal Sunday,* which was published in 2016; it is the most authoritative study of the battle in print and is available for sale in our gift shop at the park Visitor Center. After the book was published, Dr. Stone prepared colorized versions of the maps and made them available for us to post on our website. We owe great thanks to Dr. Stone for presenting the maps to us. We are also thankful to new Trustee John Resto for helping to prepare the maps for posting on our website. Have a look at them, they are spectacular! Our website address is [www.friendsofmonmouth.org](http://www.friendsofmonmouth.org).

**CRAIG HOUSE TO CLOSE FOR THE SEASON DECEMBER 2 NEW MATCHING GRANT NOT BEING SOUGHT FOR NEXT YEAR**

The historic Craig House, which is interpreted by members of the Friends, has been open Sundays from 1-4 PM since last April. Due to cold weather and lowered visitation over the winter, it will close for the season on December 2. It will reopen again in April 2019.

Our sincere thanks are owed to Kathy and Eric Doherty for serving as docents at the Craig House. Without their help, the building could not be opened to visitors on a regular basis, since the Park does not have sufficient staff to do so. Visitation averages 10-15 guests per date.

Each of the past four years, we have received matching grants from the Monmouth County Historical Commission. Four years ago, we received a grant to replace three windows, and three years ago, we received a grant to replace the two windows in the milk room. Two years ago we received help to replace two windows on the ground floor of the north side of the house. This year’s grant was for aid in restoring the remaining two windows on the north side of the house. Due to the fact that this year’s project has taken longer than anticipated, we have missed the deadline for applying for a new grant for next year. We are most grateful to the Commission for their help.

In spite of missing the grant application deadline, we are planning to continue work at the Craig House over the next year, focusing on the funding of a new storm cellar door.

**FOMB BATTLE ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY AT**

**CRANBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

About a dozen items owned by FOMB have been loaned to the Cranbury Historical Society for their exhibit “When George Was Here” that is currently on display at their museum located at 4 Park Place East in Cranbury. The items include cannon balls, musket balls, and Molly Pitcher related pieces that have been on display at our gift ship in the Park Visitor Center. Cranbury’s exhibit features numerous additional items and will be on display through the end of the year. Their museum is open on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM. The items are well displayed and the exhibit is well worth seeing.

**REV WAR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT YORKTOWN**

A conference on “Mid-Atlantic Campaigns 1776-1778” will be held at the new American Revolution museum in Yorktown on November 17-18, 2018. It will be sponsored by the American Revolution Consortium for Civic Education, and will cover battles and campaigns in New Jersey and Pennsylvania from Trenton to Monmouth. Specific actions to be covered include Trenton, Princeton, Morristown, Brandywine, Paoli, Germantown, Ft. Mifflin, Ft. Mercer, Valley Forge, and Monmouth. The battle of Monmouth will be ably presented by our Park historian, Michael Timpanaro.

The American Revolution museum at Yorktown is located at 200 Waters Street in Yorktown City. For more information go to www.arcce.org.

**SCHEDULE OF WINTER ACTIVITIES (2018-2019)**

Dec. 2, 2018 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM

Dec. 2, 2018 (Sun) Craig House open 1-4 PM, then closes for the season.

Dec. 5, 2018 (Wed) Annual business meeting. Meeting held at 6:30 PM at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library, Symmes Drive in Manalapan

Dec. 9, 2018 (Sun) Program on the 28th NJ at the battle of Fredericksburg on

December 13, 1862 (the regiment trained at Camp

Vredenburg in 1862, inside the present State Park). Held at 2 PM in the Visitor Center Auditorium,

Jan. 1, 2019 (Tues) “First Day Hike.” Visit the ground on which Molly Pitcher fought. Meet at Visitor Center at 11 AM, then drive to the

northern part of the Park for a guided walking tour (about two hours total). Weather permitting. Call the park office to

confirm at 732-462-9616.

Jan. 6, 2019 (Sun) Walking tour of battlefield. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM (weather permitting).

Jan. 10, 2019 (Thurs) Program by Dr. David Martin “Alexander Hamilton as a Military Commander in the Revolution.” 7 PM at the main branch of Monmouth County Library, Symmes Drive in Manalapan. (snow date Jan. 17).

Feb. 3, 2019 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.

Feb 10, 2019 (Sun) Program on “George Washington Minute by Minute at Monmouth.” Held at 2 PM in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

Feb. 17, 2019 (Sun) Program on “Black and Native American Troops at the Battle of Monmouth.” Held at 2 PM in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

March 3, 2019 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.

March 17, 2019 (Sun) Program on “Molly Pitcher at Monmouth.” Held at 2 PM

in the Visitor Center Auditorium .

Gift Shop is open Sundays from 1 - 4 PM at the Visitor Center.

Craig House is closed for the season, December 2, 2018 until April 2019

**HISTORY TALKS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER**

**CEREMONIES HELD AT MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY**

**GOV. JOEL PARKER’S GRAVE SITE IN BETTER SHAPE**

In September FOMB President David Martin gave two historical talks in the Visitor Center Auditorium. On September 9, he spoke to an interested audience on the role of New Jersey’s troops in the battle, both the militia and the regular Continental brigade (Maxwell’s command). The New Jersey militia was engaged in the fighting on the field only in the opening stage of the battle, from around 8 to 9 AM. Maxwell’s brigade of regulars took part in Lee’s advance to Monmouth Court House in the morning but withdrew before being engaged. During Lee’s retrograde movement, Maxwell was ordered to hold the northern extension of the Hedgerow line at around 1 PM, but only one of his regiments (the 1st New Jersey) took position there, and it held for only a few minutes before Maxwell found it necessary to fall back to Perrine Hill. Maxwell’s 1st and 2nd Regiments helped hold the reserve line behind Perrine Hill later in the battle.

On September 16, Dr. Martin gave a talk on the history of Camp Vredenburg and the battles of the 14th New Jersey Infantry, one of the regiments that trained there in 1862. The camp was named after local judge Peter Vredenburg, Sr. and is now within the confines of the battlefield state park. He focused on the battle of Opequon (3rd Winchester), where the unit’s commander, Major Peter Vredenburg, Jr., was killed in action on September 19, 1864.

After this presentation, Dr. Martin and Victor Pidermann from the Park staff gave a brief memorial service in honor of Major Vredenburg at his grave in Maplewood Cemetery (located on West Main Street in Freehold Township). Afterwards the group went to pay their respects at the grave of Joel Parker (Governor of New Jersey from 1863-1866) in the same cemetery. They were pleased to find the gravesite in reasonably good condition. Last year the site was entirely overgrown with brush, so much that the governor’s large gravestone could hardly be seen. We put in a request to the cemetery to clean up Governor Parker’s grave, which they did in short order.

**FOMB OFFICERS FOR 2018** **(terms expire December 5, 2018)**

President Dr. David Martin

Vice President George Dawson

Secretary Fran Raleigh

Treasurer Kathy Doherty

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (end of term in parentheses)

Andrew Beagle (2018) South Plainfield, NJ

Michael Cervini (2018) Toms River, NJ

George Dawson (2019) New Brunswick, NJ

Eric Doherty (2019) Old Bridge, NJ

Kathy Doherty (2019) Old Bridge, NJ

Dr. David Martin (2018) East Windsor, NJ

Marilyn Miller (2018) Toms River, NJ

Fran Raleigh (2019) Colts Neck, NJ

John Resto (2020) South Plainfield, NJ

Linda Spangle (2020) Manalapan, NJ

Peter Wagner (2018) Englishtown, NJ

**2019 Membership Application**

The Revolution in New Jersey had profound meaning. To help keep the past alive, we ask for your commitment in Protecting, Preserving and Historically Interpreting Monmouth Battlefield State Park, a Registered National Historic landmark, and the sites associated with the Monmouth Campaign of 1778.

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***CHECK ONE***

***New membership Renewal***

**CIRCLE LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Individual $20 Family $30**

**Senior Individual $5 Senior Family $10**

**Patron $100 Lifetime $250**

***The Friends rely on membership and donations for much of our general operating budget. If you would like to make a donation above the membership dues, we would deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization and your donation is fully tax-deductible. Thank you.***

**Donation included in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD, INC.**

**PO Box 122, Tennent NJ 07763**

November 2018

Dear Friend of Monmouth Battlefield,

I am writing to ask for your support for the Friends and our objectives. I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend our meetings and programs this year as we continue our programs to help preserve and develop Monmouth Battlefield State Park and to interpret the battle and events associated with it. Please consider renewing your membership or joining the Friends by returning the enclosed membership application to us at the address given above.

This is an exciting year because of the continued expansion of all our programming. We are giving additional walks and talks on the battlefield, and we will be helping the Park erect additional wayside historical markers on the battlefield. Our biggest ongoing project is the completion of the James T. Raleigh Memorial Library and Research Center, which we hope we finally will be able to start working on after a three-year delay waiting for building upgrades. Our new and expanded gift shop offers the best selection of books and pamphlets on the battle that are available anywhere (visit our website if you want to order items by mail).

We are continuing our popular free guided tours on the first Sunday of every month. We are also available to give group tours at other times by arrangement. In addition, we are helping to man and interpret the historic Craig House at the battlefield, every Sunday from 1-4 PM from the beginning of April to the beginning of December.

We cosponsored, along with the State Park, the annual reenactment of the Battle of Monmouth in June, and also sponsored commemorative programing the weekend after the reenactment. We again received a matching grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission to undertake much needed window replacements at the historic Craig House. More grants for similar projects are in the works.

If you have questions or want information, please contact President Dr. David Martin at 609-529-5356 ([dmartin@peddie.org](mailto:dmartin@peddie.org)). Our excellent and informative website can be viewed at [www.friendsofmonmouth.org](http://www.friendsofmonmouth.org)

Sincerely,

Dr. David Martin, President

*Additional accomplishments for the past year include:*

*Sponsorship of programs and tours on the actual anniversary of the battle in June 2018*

*Sponsorship of programs on “The Revolutionary War in Monmouth County” in June and July*

*Cosponsorship of historical programming in New Brunswick on July 4*

*Maintenance of a new and expanded gift shop at the Visitor Center*

*Regular membership meetings on historical topics related to the Battle and Park*

*Outreach to schools, community groups and state agencies*

*Regular free monthly tours of the battlefield held the first Sunday of every month*

*Development of additional walking and driving tours of the Battle of Monmouth*

*Staffing of the Craig House every Sunday from1-4 PM from April to December*

*Working closely with Park staff to help man and interpret the new Visitor Center*

*Maintenance of a large and current website (friendsofmonmouth.org)*

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**PO Box 122, Tennent NJ 0776**

**PROGRAM GIVEN ON WASHINGTON’S SENIOR STAFF**

**AT THE BATTLE: KNOX, VON STUEBEN, GREENE**

At the October 5 general meeting, FOMB President David Martin gave a program on the role of Washington’s senior staff at the battle.

Brigadier General Henry Knox was the army’s chief of artillery. He helped scout the field for Washington and ably placed cannons in position during the noon and afternoon segments of the battle.

Major General Von Steuben was the army’s Inspector General. He helped scout the battlefield on the evening of June 27 and the morning of the actual battle day, June 28. During the afternoon he took command of the army’s reserve division that was gathered at Englishtown. He then led this command onto the field in the late afternoon but was not engaged in combat.

Major General Nathanael Greene was the army’s Quartermaster General during the campaign. An able field officer, he was asked by Washington to take over army’s supply department during the dark days of Valley Forge. Greene saved the army there and also made sure it was adequately supplied for the campaign into New Jersey that led to Monmouth. The day before the battle he was returned to field command and led a division that was posted on Comb’s Hill (where the Visitor Center is). There he guarded the army’s right flank while providing key enfilading fire that drive back the last British attack of the day, on Wayne’s command at the Parsonage after 5 PM.

Dr. Martin concluded that Washington’s senior staff officers, the “Big Wigs,” all played key roles in the battle by scouting, posting troops and leading field troops. In comparison, Washington’s junior staff officers (including Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Hamilton) also played a key role in the battle by scouting for General Washington. They also carried orders and sometimes posted troops, but they did not hold any field commands. During the battle two junior staff officers and one had his horse shot (Hamilton); none of the senior staff officers were casualty.

The talk was held at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library and had around twenty people present; attendance held down because the remnants of hurricane Michael were passing by. Many thanks to the library staff for all the advertising and for setting up the large meeting room. Additional joint programming is planned for the future.

**POPULAR WALKING TOUR PROGRAM CONTINUES**

Our program of walking tours continues to be successful. Tours are regularly held on the first Sunday of each month, and occasionally on other Sundays.

The September 2 tour weathered heat and humidity during its trek. On October 7 a large group toured the Hedgerow line and Parsonage area, dodging all the fences set up to facilitate apple picking in the Park’s orchards.

The next regularly scheduled walking tour will be conducted on November December 2 and January 6. They meet at 1:30 PM at the Visitor Center and no reservations are required. In case of bad weather, a driving tour of the park, or historical lecture in the new Visitor Center auditorium, will be substituted.

**SPECIAL WALKING TOUR TO MOLLY PITCHER**

**SITES TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 1**

This year the Friends will once again be participating in the “America’s State Parks First Day Hikes" program sponsored by the state’s Division of Parks & Forestry. On Tuesday, January 1, a special tour will be offered by David Martin to Perrine Hill to view the main American position there and visit sites associated with Molly Pitcher. Those interested in the tour should meet at the Visitor Center at 11 AM. We will then drive to the northern part of the park for the tour. This tour, which has averaged about

50 participants each year, will be over between 12:30 and 1 PM. Unfortunately, however, the walk had to be cancelled last year due to extremely cold weather conditions. If the weather looks questionable, call the park office for information at 732-462-9616. Come join us if the weather is good – guided tours are conducted to this area only two or three times a year.

**SEARCH FOR NEW PARK SUP’T STILL UNDER WAY**

The search for a new Superintendent at Monmouth Battlefield State Park is still ongoing. As reported previously, Acting Park Superintendent Robert Auermuller was reassigned in spring 2017 after being at the Park for about a year. The effort to appoint a new full time Superintendent has been going on for quite a while without success. We will keep you posted in this important process.

**BIRD WALK SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4**

This spring we are once again scheduling a bird walk on the battlefield. Spring is a great time to watch native and migratory birds. The walk will be led by avid ornithologists George and Barbara Dawson, and will take place at 9 AM on Saturday, May 4, 2019. The walk will meet outside the Visitor Center (which opens at 9 AM), and will take about an hour and a half.

Most FOMB members are probably not aware that DEP (the Department of Environmental Protection) has published a free birds brochure that is available at the Park. It lists over 100 different kinds of birds that can be found at the Park, along with their relative abundance in each season of the year (spring, summer, fall and winter). Spring is the best season for bird watching, which is why we offer the bird walk in early May.

**NEAR RECORD MEMBERSHIP REACHED IN 2018**

**2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OPENS (forms enclosed)**

This year we have to date 124 members, almost reaching last year’s record of 132. We are especially appreciative of our 23 life members. We cannot do all that we do without the support of our membership. Thanks!

Membership forms for new and renewal members are enclosed with this newsletter.

**GENERAL CHARLES LEE’S WILL**

*This is the will of Major General Charles Lee, Washington’s second-in-command at Monmouth, who was afterwards court-martialed and removed from command. It is notable for Lee’s blunt views of his friends and for his directive not to be buried at or near a churchyard. The text is taken from pages 189-193 of the book Anecdotes of the Late Charles Lee, Esq. (London: J.S. Jordan, 1797). Lee died on October 2, 1782 and is buried at Christ Church cemetery on North 2ns Street in Philadelphia.*

I, Major General Charles Lee of the county of Berkeley, in the commonwealth of Virginia, being in perfect health, and of a sound mind, considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time it may happen, have determined to make this my last will and testament, in manner following: that is to say, I give and bequeath to Alexander White, Eq., one hundred guineas, in consideration of the zeal and integrity he has displayed in the administration of my affairs, also the choice of any two of my colts or fillies under four years of age.

Item, I give and bequeath to Charles Minn Thruston, Esq., fifty guineas, in consideration of his good qualities and the friendship he has manifested for me; and to Buckner Thruston, his son, I leave all my books, as I know he will make a good use of them.

To my good friend John Mercer, Esq., of Marlborough in Virginia, I give and bequeath he choice of tow brood mares, of all my swords and pistols, and ten guineas to buy a ring; I would give him more, but as he has a good estate and a better genius, he has sufficient, if he knows how to make good use of them.

I give and bequeath to my former aid de camp, Orway Bird, Esq., the choice of another brood mare, and ten guineas for the same purpose of a remembrance ring.

I give and bequeath to my worthy friends Colonel William Grayson, of Dumfries, the second choice of two colts; and to my excellent friend William Steptoe, of Virginia, I would leave a great deal, but as e is now so rich, it would be no less than robbing my other friends who are poor. I therefore entreat, he will only accept of five guineas, which I bequeath to him to purchase a ring of affection.

I bequeath to my old and faithful servant, Giuisippi Minghini, three hundred guineas, with all my horses, mares, and colts of every kind, those abovementioned excepted; likewise all my wearing apparel and plate, my wagons and tools of agriculture, and his choice of four milch cows.

I bequeath to Elizabeth Dunn, mu housekeeper, one hundred guineas and my whole flock of cattle, the four milch cows abovementioned only excepted.

I had almost forgot my deal friends (and I ought to be ashamed of it), Mrs. Shippen, her son Thomas Shippen, and Thomas Lee, Esq., of Belle-View. I beg they will accept ten guineas each, to buy rings of affection.

My landed estate in Berkeley, I desire may be divided into three equal parts, to quality and quantity; one-third part I devise to my dear friend Jacob Morris, of Philadelphia; one other third part to Rvan Edwards, both my former aid de camps, and to their heirs and assigns; the other third part I devise to Eleazer Oswald, at present of Philadelphia, and William Goddard, of Baltimore, to whom I am under obligations, and to their heirs and assigns, to be equally divided between them; but these devisees are not to enter until they have paid off their several legacies abovementioned, with interest from the time of my death, and all taxes which may be due on my estate. In case I should sell my said landed estate, I bequeath the price thereof, after paying the

**GENERAL CHARLES LEE’S WILL (cont.)**

aforesaid legacies, to the said Jacob Morris, Evan Edwards, Eleazer Oswald, and William Goddard, in the proportions abovementioned.

All my salves, which I may be possessed of at the time of my decease, I bequeath to Giuisippi Minghini and Elizabeth Dunn, to be equally divided between them.

All my other property of every kind, and in every part of the word, after my decease, funeral charges, and necessary expenses of administration are paid, I give, devise, and bequeath to my sister Sidney Lee, her heirs and assigns forever.

I desire most earnestly, that I may not be buried in any church, or church-yard, or within a mile of any Presbyterian or Anabaptist meeting house; for since I have resided in this county, I have kept so much bad company when living, that I do not chuse to continue it when dead.

I recommend my soul to the Creator of all worlds and of all creatures; who must, from his visible attributes, be indifferent to their modes of worship or creeds,

Whether Christians, Mahometans, or Jews; whether instilled by education, or taken up by reflection; whether instilled by education, or taken up by reflection; whether more or less absurd; as a weak mortal no more be answerable for his persuasions, notions, or even skepticism in religion, than for the colour of his skin.

And I do appoint the above-mentioned Alexander White and Charles Minn Thruston, executors of this my will and testament, and do revoke all other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this --- day of --- in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

Charles Lee

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Major General Charles Lee, as, and for, his last will and testament. In presence of James Smith, Samuel Swearingen, William Garrard

**STEUBEN’S ACCOUNT OF HIS**

**MOVEMENTS AT MONMOUTH**

*The following testimony was given by General von Steuben when he testified at General Charles Lee’s court martial on July 18, 1778 at Peekskill, New York.*

Q. Had you any conversation with General Lee the 28th of June, after the retreat, relative to the transactions of the day?

A. Yes. On the 28th of June, after having been reconnoitering, I returned form Monmouth in order to make my report to the Commander-in-chief, whom I found at Englishtown. Having seen that the enemy was marching, and doubting of our being able to overtake them, having seen nothing in my way but some militia which followed at some distance, I stopped at a house in Englishtown to take some rest, where I stayed about an hour and a half. I afterwards continued my road to meet the Commander-in-chief. On my way I heard several firings of cannon, and I made the greatest haste to arrive near the general, whom I found on the high ground, beginning to form the troops as they arrived. It was there I saw General Lee’s division retreating in great disorder, followed by the enemy, whose strength I conceived to be 1500 men of infantry, and about 150 horse. As I was employed in placing a battery General lee passed by me, without our speaking to one another. About a quarter of an hour after the Commander-in-chief ordered me to stop the retreating troops and form them towards Englishtown. I sent some officers forward to stop the men, and I went there myself, accompanied by Mr. Ternant and m Aids de Camp, to form them. As I passed through Englishtown I found General Lee on horseback before a house; he asked me where I was going. I acquainted him with my orders, upon which he said to me that he was very glad of my having taken that charge upon me, for he was tired out. I assembled part of General Maxwell’s brigade, and part of General Scott’s detachment, which I formed behind the creek at Englishtown; General Maxwell was himself there. Scarce had the troops taken their position when general Patterson arrived with three brigades of the second line, and desired to know where he was to be stationed; I placed his three brigades a little more to the rear, on a high ground, and I established a battery on the right wing, in front of the second brigade of General Smallwood. The cannonade continued more or less briskly till past five o’clock. Half an hour after it had ceased, Colonel Gemat arrived and brought me the order from the Commander-in-chief that the enemy was retreating in confusion, and that I should therefore bring him a reinforcement. I ordered General Maxwell to take the command of the troops I had placed behind the creek, and to remain there till further orders. I then marched off with the three brigades of the second line; so I passed through Englishtown I again met General Lee, who asked me where I was going; I imparted to him the order I had received from the Commander-in-chief, which I delivered in the very expressions of Colonel Gemat, that the enemy was retreating with confusion. Upon the word confusion, he took me up, and said that they were only resting themselves; but, said he, afterwards, I am sure there is some misunderstanding in your being to advance with these troops; I told him that I had received the order from Mr. Gemat; I ordered, however, General Muhlenberg to halt, and sent for Captain Walker my Aid-de-Camp, who repeated in presence of General Lee, the order which Colonel Gemat had brought me; then, said he, you are to march, and I went on with the troops. This is nearly all the conversation I had that day with General Lee.