

of the 53^d. who Com^d the Work^g Party & was in
the French, was taken Prisoner, at least tis
hoped & believed so, as he was not found
amongst the poor fellows so cut to pieces.
That the Coy Party were neither on their G^{ts}
or in their proper places is most certain
or so infamous, a thing could not have
happened at least, they would have given
a good account of these Fellows, but they
managed to get off before Genl Hope & Col W.
could collect & return with the Coy Party
who were under the Com^d of Cap^{tn} Powell of the
15th. A few men that he collected, were just
in time to give them a few shots, & but a few
harmless effects this Party that one cant help
calling Gallant, you certainly French^{men}, for
Col Hunter distinctly heard them speak
in French, had they not foolishly shouted
before they got into the French I fear our
loss would have been very great, but this
served as an alarm, & may^{be} took advantage
of it, it was unfortunate that our Regt^{ts}
only were employ'd just at the point of the
Work these cursed fellows entered, of course
we bore the brunt. As soon as they had retired