

Battle of Blackstocks Nov. 20, 1780.

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to you as aforesaid. All the other part of my estate except my land has fallen into the hands of the enemy. They drove off at one time between ninety & a hundred head of cattle to Wmston. They have also got all my sheep & the greater part of my logs, plantation tools, household furniture, & every other article that was of any value, so that I am properly situated for a soldier & I am determined to see the end of our cause or fall in the attempt.

There is ~~one~~ one piece of news I have omitted, which was the battle at Blackstocks on Tiger river, which happened a few days after I saw Capt Sims. Col Parleton marched us about an hour & a half by sun in the evening. The action continued till almost sun down, when we beat them off the ground. We had four killed & Gen Sumpter was badly wounded. Capt Gabriel Brown was killed to my left hand & Gen Sumpter was on my right. It both happened from one platoon from the enemy on their retreat it is supposed. They had sixty or seventy men killed & wounded. Gen Sumpter is on the recovery. I have nothing more particular at present & I am with sincere respect your loving father till death

D. Hopkins

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P.S. We were so scarce of paper in camp at the time Capt Sims, started for Virginia, I could scarcely get enough to send a list of the degrees, which were only seventeen.

I am as above -

D. Hopkins