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parted with ^{is} Reasonable & seven Frigates, bound to Penobscot — This acc^o has taken a great weight from the minds of all who were wishers to Government — (to use ^{is} cant Term)

Monday Augus^t 23. Last Evening sailed the Robust a 74 — the Le Corne & Falcon Frigates — the Adamant & St. Lawrence armed Ships — a brig & Ship Store-ships & an Arm'd Schooner with some detachments from the Garrison here to ^{is} assistance of Gen^l M^cLean — Entertained th a Quiver of 60 sail of ~~French~~ & Spanish men of War & Transports with 5 or 6,000 Troops being at Louisbourg —

Monday 30 — The Fleet under the Robust returning they met with a gale of wind in the bay of Fundy which did some damage to the Robust & the Le Corne so that they have not proper to return in order to refit — ~~It~~ feared that ^{is} Falcon is lost — It is remarkable the merchant ships in the fleet have rec^d no damage at all

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Tuesday 31. Yesterday we were ~~Chagrined~~ with ^{is} return of the Fleet destined to relieve Gen^l M^cLean — today we are cheer'd up with an acc^o from that quarter that S^r Geo Collier had arrived, had sunk & taken a no^t of the ^{Rebell} Ships of War & Transports & drove ^{is} rest up the River — That the Rebels still continued the Siege —

Tuesday afternoon — The Nautilus from Penobscot — has made ^{out of} ^{is} affairs there certain beyond all doubt — The whole Rebell fleet are taken & destroyed not a boat has escaped their Land ^{forces} are routed & dispersed — Their artillery & camp equipage — all left behind — They have now to get home as well as they can afoot thro ^{is} woods —

— The behavior of the Rebels was shamefully cowardly — on ^{is} appearance of 3 Frigates ^{only} their ships immediately betook themselves to flight up the river — Two were taken without any resistance — a list of ^{is} Ships taken & destroyed