

23rd of last Month, and as the distance from London was only Thirty Miles, (had occasion required), a regular Force could easily have been called upon to act, with every immediate essential. Of our own Regiment, we were near a Thousand Strong, and with Thirty Two pieces of Artillery, and all the necessary Train of Camp Waggon's Forges's &c &c. Upon our rout to Camp, we formed a line of March of near Two Miles in Extent. We pitched our Tents on the third day from leaving Woolwich and as the Camp was meant a flying one, (in case of Necessity) the Officers and Soldiers were ord[e]red to take with them but very little baggage; Consequently the *Ladies of the Regiment* (*tho' the most esteemed part of its baggage*) were under the necessity of remaining at Woolwich to defend the Garrison, untill the Corps returnd from the Wars: Our Encampment extended in length a Mile and Quarter, the officers Street most regular[l]y and beautifully laid out; and formed upon the *Memorable Spot* called *Cesars Camp*, from his having broke ground there, and with his Army occupied the *same*, when He invaded this Country, several of his Works yet remain, and are very fresh. * * * * * ³² So much for a hasty Sketch of our Proceedings during the buisness, which I must also say was attended with much fatigue, and as the weather was hot most of us returnd home some Pounds lighter than when we marched from Woolwich. I had the happiness of hearing frequently from my dear Archange, and that her situation was comfortable and contented, and her little Anne occupying her concern, and as letters from me to her, would I was conscious prove a consolation, I generally contrived to write her every other day, however fatigued I might be with the days work. I dined twice with his Grace of Richmond—for so many officers were ask'd each day to his and Sir W^m Hows Tents. the last day I dined there, who should sit next to me but old Lord Dorchester and his son Guy. His Lordship conversed with me a

³² The portion of the letter not reprinted here consists of a long, detailed account of the army maneuvers in which Captain Meredith participated.