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COLONIAL DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, November 27, 1812.

CAPTAIN FULTON, Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Sir G. Prevost, arrived late last night with a dispatch from that officer, addressed to Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of which the following is a copy.

Head-Quarters, Montreal, October 21, 1812.

I HAVE the satisfaction of reporting to your Lordship, that His Majesty's forces, aided by the militia and Indians stationed on the Niagara frontier, have completely repelled a second attempt of the enemy to invade Upper Canada, and that a victory has been gained which has left in our possession nine hundred of the American army, and their commander, Brigadier-General Wadsworth, who surrendered himself on the field of battle to Major-General Sheafle. His Majesty and the country have to deplore the loss of an able and most gallant officer in Major-General Brock, who fell early in the battle at the head of the flank companies of the 49th regiment, while nobly encouraging them to sustain their position, in opposition to an infinitely superior force, until the reinforcements he had ordered to advance to their support should arrive. For further particulars of this splendid affair, I beg leave to refer your Lordship to Major-General Sheafle's report, herewith transmitted. I also transmit a general order I have just issued to the forces in the British American provinces on the occasion of this important success, as it contains a statement of the services rendered by all who had the good fortune to maintain on that day the fame of His Majesty's arms, and to convince our deluded neighbours that their superiority in numbers cannot intimidate His Majesty's army, nor shake the fidelity of his Canadian subjects.

Not having received the return of the killed and wounded on the 13th, nor that of the ordnance and stores captured from the enemy, I am under the necessity of deferring sending them to your Lordship until the next opportunity; when I also expect to forward the colours taken from the Americans, to be laid at the feet of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

Captain Fulton, my Aide-de-Camp, will have the honour of delivering this dispatch to your Lordship. He is very capable of affording such information as your Lordship may require respecting the state of His Majesty's Canadian provinces.

Eight companies of the Glengary levy are in motion to reinforce Upper Canada.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST,
Commander of the Forces.

SIR,

Fort George, October 13, 1812.

I HAVE the honour of informing your Excellency, that the enemy made an attack with a considerable force this morning before daylight, on the position of Queenstown. On receiving intelligence of it, Major-General Brock immediately proceeded to that post, and I am extensively grieved in having to add, that he fell whilst gallantly cheering his troops to an exertion for maintaining it. With him, the position was lost; but the enemy was not allowed to retain it long. Reinforcements having been sent up from this post, composed of regular troops, militia, and Indians, a movement was made to turn his left, while some artillery, under the able direction of Captain Holcroft, supported by a body of infantry, engaged his attention in front. This operation was aided too by the judicious position which Norton, and the Indians with him, had taken on the woody brow of the high ground above Queenstown. A communication being thus opened with Chipawa, a junction was formed with succours that had been ordered from that post. The enemy was then attacked, and, after a short but spirited conflict, was completely defeated. I had the satisfaction of receiving the sword of their commander, Brigadier-General Wadsworth, on the field of battle; and many officers, with upwards of nine hundred men, were made prisoners, and more

Captains Williams, commanding the battalion companies of the 91st regiment, which were stationed at Queenston, were wounded, bravely engaged in the most difficult service, and although their numbers were unequal, the result was favorable in favor of the British, and the indians particularly distinguished themselves, and I have very great satisfaction in assuring your Excellency that the spirit and good conduct of His Majesty's troops, of the militia, and of the other provincial corps, were eminently conspicuous on this occasion.

I have not been able to ascertain yet the number of our troops, or of those of the enemy engaged: we believe, that of the former we have taken; and their retreat, which effected a landing, probably amounted to three or four hundred.

To His Excellency Sir George Prevost.

General Orders.

His Excellency the Commander of the Forces has received an official report from Major-General Sheaffe, of the brilliant victory which your Excellency: the 1st instant, by a portion of the troops under his command, over a division of the enemy's army, which effected a landing at Queenston under cover of the night. That post was nevertheless defended with undiminished gallantry by the two British companies of the 49th regiment, animated by the presence of their gallant and ever-to-be-lamented chief. Major-General Butler, whose valuable life was on this occasion devoted to his country's service. These companies displayed exemplary discipline and spirit, infallibly from the activity and intelligence of Lieutenant-Kerr, of the mechanics, and I am informed that they were unceasing in commination on the enemy and other Indian and other Indian parties.

I was unfortunately deprived of the aid of the above-mentioned Captain-Colonel Myers, of the 49th regiment, Assistant Quarter-Master-General, who had been sent up to Fort Erie a few days before, on duty which obtained him there.

The arms of a force inferior in numbers, and without sustaining any considerable loss on our part.

Major-General Sheaffe's report of the scene and general appearance which attended the victory of the enemy on the 1st instant, before the notice of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

Captain-Colonel Myers, Deputy Quarter-Master-General, stationed in charge of Fort Erie, and succeeded in completely silencing the fire of the enemy, drove a detachment from the enemy's encampment near the Black Rock, destroyed a battery, in which was a considerable amount of ammunition. Its explosion has killed many. This Caledonia, lately captured by the enemy, was destroyed at her moorings.

To His Excellency Sir George Prevost.

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