

into the country, and finally obliged him to retire to his former position, five miles back, with the loss of about 70 killed and 16 prisoners, besides a great number of wounded, about 150 stand of arms, and six drums, etc., etc., which fell into our hands. Moreover, he has since retired into his own country.

It is true General de Watteville inspected my positions, and approved of them, and of the orders I had given for their defence. The dispositions to receive the enemy on the 26th, were made by myself; no one interfered with them, and no officer of superior rank came up until the action was over. It is true I was ably seconded by Lieut.-Colonel McDonell, of the Glengarry Fencibles, who had taken up a ford position two days before the action, and by all the officers under my command.

I regret also to observe in perusing the order of the 27th, that it is supposed that I had been thrown forward to cover working parties. This idea is erroneous in so much that there were no works carrying on there, but such abattis and defence as appeared to me necessary to prevent my positions from being outflanked or forced; these I ordered myself, no engineer directed them. I placed myself in front of the abbatiss with the view to begin the defence of the country. I judged it a good position from whence I could have a good view of the enemy's columns which I was apprised were in full march. This I did of my own accord. It was a desperate undertaking. It succeeded, and the enemy instead