

## SKETCH

### *of the late Battle at the Wind Mill*

As we have long predicted would be the case, judging from the conduct of the American Government, and American citizens, during the last two or three years, our town has been invaded by a large body of pirates, murderers and robbers, mostly citizens of the United States, who encouraged by men of property and influence throughout the Union, have dared to land upon British Soil, for the purpose of putting to death every loyal subject of Her Majesty; plundering and destroying their property, and imposing upon the Canadas a licentious Republican Government, which every day's experience more fully shows is wholly unable to restrain Americans within due bounds; altogether inadequate to maintain those principles for which Governments were in the first place instituted—wholly regardless of the laws which, from time immemorial, have regulated the conduct of the subjects of different nations with regard to each other—in fine, to wrest from us the great Magna Charta of British Liberty which is liberty indeed; and to force the inhabitants of these happy Colonies, to accept of a system of Government suited only to the feelings and inclinations of a class of persons whose whole cry is liberty & self government—and whose only controlling power is the will of the lawless rabble.

Floating rumors had been in circulation for several days, that an attack might be shortly expected in this vicinity, as the Brigands were assembling in and about Watertown, Sacket's Harbor, French Creek, and other minor places along the American Frontier; but on Sunday night positive information was obtained that a large number of men had embarked on board of two Schooners, well armed and supplied with ammunition and every necessary implement of warfare and might be looked for in the course of the night. The news was not generally spread in town;—it was known but by a few; in fact, had the story been circulated, so many vague reports and unfounded statements have been made of late, that it would have been scarcely believed;—The news, however, proved too true, on Monday morning about 2 o'clock, some of our inhabitants who were on the alert, discovered two vessels of a very suspicious character, lashed together side by side, approaching the wharf of Messrs Henderson & Co, within a stone's throw; finding however, the wharf torn up; as it is undergoing repairs, the vessels sheered off a little, intending to land at Frazer's wharf, as would appear from their movements; the wind blowing strong down the river at the time, the schooners fell below Frazer's wharf, and passed so near to McMillan's wharf that a man could have jumped ashore. Several persons had now collected near the spot; and the schooners were hailed and required to keep off, or they would be fired into; some evasive answer was given by those on board, and the vessels immediately stood off for the American shore.

We are informed by a person who was present when the schooners came in, that they were not more than half