

I formed one for him this day, consisting of picked men ; such a corps might be of use, and I thought it necessary to give officers who were willing an opportunity to distinguish themselves.

*25th.*—This day, augmented the working party at the advanced redoubt with one hundred men, though that work advanced but slowly, the ground being so hard they could not drive their piquets above nine inches into it. To encourage the men, and endeavour to put a stop to the spreading sickness, two hundred men having fallen ill this last week, I ordered the working parties a gill of rum each, to be mixed with their water in their canteens before they went out, as it was observed they often made use of snow-water, which was pernicious. This night, recalled my party from Lorette to St. Foix, having ordered all the bridges over the Cap Rouge to be broken up.

*26th.*—Having given a sufficient time to the French to withdraw their effects, this day I ordered the gates to be shut ; ordered also part of Captain McDonald's company of volunteers to Sillery, to be followed by himself with the remainder in the morning ; in the evening, had a report from Major Dalling that he heard a good deal of firing of musquets on the other side of the Cap Rouge. The chief engineer marked out the ground for the intended lines upon the heights of Abraham this afternoon.

*27th.*—Being Sunday, very rainy weather, and it having blown hard the night before, I had intelligence at three o'clock in the morning that the enemy had landed the night before at Point-au-Tremble, and had marched on to Lorette ; that they had with them seven vessels of all sorts, on board of which they had their provisions and artillery. On this information I marched immediately with the grenadiers, piquets, Amherst's, and two field pieces, to St. Foix, ordering three other regiments, commanded by Colonel Walsh, to march out to cover my retreat, and Major Morriss with