

"Amherstburg, the military post and garrison now building at the mouth of Detroit River, in the township of Malden."

The only description accompanying Malden is to describe it simply as the name of the township. In 1813, a second edition was published, revised by Francis Gore, Esq., Lieutenant Governor. In this, Amherstburg is described as a post and garrison, and there is no mention of Malden as either Fort or Town.

The Surveyor-General and the Lieutenant Governor should be considered as authoritative. Thus we see that officially, the settlement was known as Amherstburg from 1797 down to 1813.

Just here it may be interesting to interject this question: On what day did the U. S. troops occupy Amherstburg, and on what day did they march out?

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Kingsford, on page 316, Vol. VIII, says that: "The retreat from Amherstburg commenced on the 24th of September;" and on page 317 he says, "He (Harrison) had landed on the 27th, nine miles below Amherstburg, with 5,000 men and the fleet of boats to sustain him."

Auchinleck, the historian of the War of 1812, who uses Richardson very freely as his source of information for this western section, says, on page 215:

"On the 27th the American fleet, composed of 16 vessels of war and upwards of 100 boats, received on board General Harrison's division and landed it in the afternoon of the same day at a point *three miles* below Amherstburg, which post was reached but three days after it had been evacuated by the British."

Now we turn to *Niles Register* for 1813, and on page 117 we find short dispatches sent forward by General Harrison and Captain Perry. Harrison heads his dispatch from *Amherstburg*, and Perry reports from *Malden Harbor* that Harrison had just marched into Malden. These two letters agree that the U. S. army marched into the town between four and five o'clock in the afternoon of the 23d of September.

It may be stated that these letters are reprinted in Brannan's "Military and Naval Letters." On page 220 will be found Perry's letter, dated September 27th, while on page 214, Harrison's letter is dated September 23rd. In Vol. XV, page 427, of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society's publications, is