

seph's Island with a detachment of regulars and two hundred voyageurs, the latter under the leadership of M. Toussaint Potheur and captured the American fort at Mackinac without firing a shot.

As Holmes sailed up the river, the first detachment from the Sault going to aid their brethren at Michilimackinac under the direction of John Johnston were made aware of his approach and avoiding the usual channel glided silently through what is known as the False Detour Passage and arrived safely at their destination.

The second detachment who were conveying cannon in their batteaux were not so successful but finding their course obstructed they threw the cannon into the river and beaching their boats took to the woods.

The enemy, on landing, immediately took possession of the N. W. Company's stores and having fired their buildings sailed away.

Lieutenant Turner the naval officer incharge of the American vessels detached for the expedition reported to Commodore Sinclair as follows:

