

INTRODUCTION.

The author of the Journal, here presented to the student of early Canadian History, was Major E. B. Littlehales, Secretary to Lieut.-Gov. Simcoe, the founder and organizer of the Province of Upper Canada, now the Province of Ontario.

Major Littlehales was afterwards Sir E. B. Littlehales, for some time Secretary at War for Ireland, during the Lord-Lieutenancy of the Marquis of Cornwallis. In August, 1805, he was married at Loftus Hill, near Dublin, to Lady Elizabeth Fitzgerald daughter of the Duke of Leinster. In 1792, he is spoken of in the Simcoe papers at Ottawa as Capt. Littlehales, but in the following year as "E. B. Littlehales, Major of Brigade," as appears by his signature attached to a General Order, issued at York, Upper Canada, as follows :

"GENERAL ORDER.—YORK, U. C., 26th August, 1793.—His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, having received information of the success of His Majesty's arms, under His Royal Highness the Duke of York, by which Holland has been saved from the invasion of the French armies, and, it appearing that the combined forces have been successful in dislodging their enemies from an entrenched camp, supposed to be impregnable, from which the most important consequences may be expected, and in which arduous attempt His Royal Highness the Duke of York and His Majesty's troops supported the national glory. It is His Excellency's orders that on the rising of the Union Flag at 12 o'clock to-morrow (Aug. 27th, 1793), a Royal Salute of twenty-one guns is to be fired, to be answered by the shipping in the Harbour, in respect to His Royal Highness and in commemoration of the naming this Harbour from his English title, York.—E. B. LITTLEHALES, *Major of Brigade*."

In his "Travels in N. America" (vol. I., p. 271), the French Duke de Liancourt speaks in high terms of Major Littlehales, with whom he was brought into pleasant relations at Navy Hall, Niagara, in 1794.

"Before I close the article of Niagara I must make particular mention of the civility shewn us by Major Littlehales, adjutant and first secretary to the Governor, a well-bred, mild and amiable man, who has the charge of the whole correspondence of Government, and