

companies of riflemen embarked, in battoes, with orders to proceed with all expedition to the great carrying-place, and clear the road, while the other divisions came up.

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26th. Colonel Green embarked on board battoes three companies of musketmen, with whom went Major Bigelow, on their tour to Canada.

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27th. At three o'clock, P. M., I embarked on board my battoe with the third division of the army, consisting of 4 companies of musketmen, with 45 days' provision, and proceeded up the river, hoping for the protection of a kind Providence. We encamped at evening 4 miles from Fort Western; the water some part of the way rapid. I had forgot to mention, that the navigation for vessels is good to Fort Western, which is 50 miles from the mouth.

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28th. Proceeded up the river---the stream very rapid, and the bottom and shores rocky.

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29th. In the morning continued our route up the river. At 11 o'clock, A. M., arrived at Fort Halifax,\* which stands on a point of land between the river Kennebeck and the river Sebaste-cook. This fort consists of two large block-houses, and a large barrack, which is enclosed with a picket fort. I tarried half an

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\* Fort Halifax was built by Mr. Shirley in 1754, to awe the Indians and cover the frontiers of New England.