

the western flank of the town. While they engaged a small mutilated 3 gun Battery at what is known as the old fort, a large force landed and cut off all retreat westward. Sheaffe sent the best portion of his force to keep the enemy at bay. For a time the enemy were held in check, but being re-inforced in overwhelming numbers, the British were outflanked and compelled to retire with a loss of nearly 100 in killed, wounded and prisoners. An accidental explosion of one of the batteries, silenced the fort guns and as this left no hope of successful resistance Sheaffe destroyed such stores as he could, and took with him such as he was able, and retreated on Kingston. Meantime the American advanced column having taken possession of the fort, were nearly destroyed by the believed accidental explosion of the magazine. Although Sheaffe left an officer to arrange terms of capitulation the Public Buildings were burned, the Church and Library pillaged and acts of vandalism perpetrated contrary to the articles of the capitulation. General Dearborn made no attempt to pursue the retreating British force. Newark now Niagara defended by General Vincent with 1,340 troops, stationed at Fort George, was the next point of attack. Contrary winds, bothered the flotilla greatly, but it reached the American shore about the 8th of May, where it lay for about two weeks, receiving reinforcements from Sacketts Harbor.

(To be continued).