

what he knew about it as an eyewitness. He received, from the gallant and obliging captain a letter which he has had the goodness to communicate to us, of which the substance is as follows:

“ LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS, 5th June, 1826.

DEAR SIR:—

Having learned from Captain L * * * that you wish to obtain from me a narrative of the capture of Colonel Boerstler and his force, I shall endeavor to satisfy your curiosity.

On the 26th day of May, 1813, I was ordered by Sir John Johnson to set out from Lachine at the head of a body of 340 Indians, namely: 160 from Sault St. Louis, 120 from the Lake of Two Mountains and 60 from St. Regis. I was accompanied by Lieutenants J. B. DeLorimier, Gedeon G. Gaucher, Louis Langlade, Evangeliste St. Germain and Isaac Leclair.

We proceeded to the head of the lake (Ontario) where we were placed under the command of Colonel Claus. When we arrived near the 40 Mile Creek this officer sent with us Captain Carr, (Kerr), Lieutenant Brandt and 100 Mohawks (or Agniers.) On the 20th of June we encamped at 20 Mile Creek, or Beaver Dam, with all our Indians.

On the 23rd I went scouting to the Niagara River with 25 of my Indians. We discovered a barge filled with soldiers; the Indians fired upon it, killed four men and made seven prisoners. As we were within sight of Fort George I ordered my Indians to hurry away their prisoners. The American cavalry pursued us, and two young Iroquois, having remained behind, as they stated to capture horses, one of them was made a prisoner.

On the 24th, about 8 o'clock in the morning, our scouts returned, giving the death-cry, which signified that we were attacked by the enemy. We immediately prepared for action, and I made a report to Colonel De Haren, who commanded 100 regulars. He directed us to form up. I represented to him that the position we occupied was not an advantageous place to meet the enemy and that I desired to attack them in the woods. He approved of this and promised to support us. We ran forward towards the enemy about half a mile and took up our position on both sides of the main road, Lieutenant De Lorimier on the right with Lieutenant Leclair and 25 men; Captain Carr, with his Mohawks, on the left, and myself in the centre. We soon perceived 20 of the enemy's dragoons approaching us, coming down a slight declivity. I at once ordered them to fire, and the whole of these 20 men were killed stone dead except one, whom the Indians finished; after which they threw themselves upon the dead to strip them, although I warned them to remain quiet at their posts.