

" Advance Posts, 1st November, 1813.

Sir,

Referring to the General Order of the 27th ult., issued in consequence of the action in which I repulsed General Hampton's army, I observe with regret that the choice of the several positions which I defended is not attributed to me, neither is the disposition of the force which was immediately under my command understood to have been altogether mine, from which the greater part of the merit (if there was any contending against a whole army for the space of four hours,) is taken away from me. To elucidate this matter, it is necessary that I should state that when it was reported on the 21st ult., at Chateaugay church, at night, the enemy had surprised the picket at Peper's Road, I was desired to move with my corps to English River, and finding when there that the enemy's intention appeared to move down the River Chateaugay on his way to Montreal, I lost no time in pushing on the troops, and took up the three advanced positions, and began to fortify them as well as I could (having then only a few axes) and distributed the troops for their defence. I ordered also the famous abattis, situated two miles in front of the above stated positions, to which I marched on the 26th, from whence I reconnoitered the American Army in the act of advance, from which I completed my dispositions for the defence of both sides of the Chateaugay; from whence after an obstinate engagement of four hours, I succeeded in defeating their project of penetrating