

Adams, on August 17, had in the midst of a fog struck on a rock on the coast of Maine, near the estuary of the Penobscot, and, having been with great difficulty floated again at high tide, had been brought by her commander into the Penobscot, and, for greater safety as well as for repairs, had been taken up as far as Hampden, a village which stood on the western bank of the river, twenty-seven miles above Castine. Castine, called after the Baron St. Castin of Acadian story, was and is near the mouth of the river on its eastern bank, the fort standing on a peninsula. It was summoned to surrender, the summons was rejected, and a few shots were fired; but almost immediately afterwards the fort was evacuated and blown up, and the British troops occupied Castine without opposition. The next step to be taken was to capture or destroy the *Adams*; and with this object in view, Sherbrooke sent on the same day a regiment to hold a place named Belfast, which was slightly higher up stream than Castine on the opposite bank, and through which ran the high road from Hampden to Boston. Having secured this point, the general and admiral, working in close harmony, sent a strong detachment of 600 picked men on board two or three of Griffith's lighter vessels up the river to Hampden. Like their superior officers, the colonel in command of the troops, Colonel John, and the captain in charge of the ships, Captain Barrie, worked together admirably. They started at six o'clock in the evening on the same 1st of September; and by nightfall on the following day, after a little outpost skirmishing, the troops were landed and encamped within three miles of Hampden. At daybreak on the 3rd the artillery was landed, and an advance was made on Hampden, gunboats moving up the river in line with the soldiers on shore, thus keeping their right secure, while the ships followed in reserve a little behind. It was a foggy morning, and the American position could not be reconnoitred until the skirmishers were actually engaged. It was then found that the Americans were drawn up in line in front of and covering

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