

the fatigues great; and many difficulties were to be overcome. This line of march, from the point of debarkation to the Niagara frontier, where hostilities were carried on, includes a distance of nearly 550 miles. The road is cut through the woods, and runs along the banks of the river St. Lawrence, and the northern side of Lake Ontario, varying in its course with the undulations of the shore. It is often interrupted by deep bays, and also by numerous tributary streams which discharge their water into the river St. Lawrence. In many places where the ground is low and marshy, large trees are cut down, and laid crosswise, to facilitate the passage. When a march was undertaken in spring, or in autumn, the miry state of the roads presented many obstructions. Nor were the oppressive heats of summer, superadded to the fatigues of long and forced marches, less dispiriting to the soldier. When the passage was rendered tedious from the wetness of roads, the