

arriving at the City Hall, I appointed Mr. Justice JONES, Mr. HENRY SHERWOOD, Captain STRACIAN, and Mr. JOHN ROBINSON, my Aides-de-Camp. I then ordered the arms to be unpacked, and, manning all the windows of the building, as well as those of the opposite houses which flanked it, we awaited the rebels, who, as I have stated, did not deem it advisable to advance. Besides these arrangements, I despatched a messenger to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Colonel the Hon. ALLAN M'NAB, of the Gore District, and to the Colonels of the militia regiments in the Midland and NEWCASTLE Districts. An advanced piquet of thirty volunteers, commanded by my Aide-de-Camp, Mr. Justice JONES, was placed within a short distance of the rebels. By the following morning (Tuesday) we mustered about three hundred men, and in the course of the day, the numbers increased to about five hundred. In the night an advanced piquet, commanded by Mr. Sheriff JARVIS, was attacked within the precincts of the city, by the rebels, who were driven back, one of their party being killed and several wounded. On Wednesday morning we were sufficiently strong to have ventured on an attack; but being sensible of the strength of our positions; being also aware how much depended upon the contest in which we were about to be engaged, and feeling the greatest possible reluctance at the idea of entering upon the civil war, I despatched two gentlemen to the rebel leaders, to tell them that before any conflict should take place, I parentally called upon them, as their Governor, to avoid the effusion of human blood. In the meanwhile, however, Mr. M'KENZIE had committed every description of enormity; he had robbed the mail—with his own hands had set fire to Dr. HORNE'S house—had plundered many inoffensive individuals of their money—had stolen several horses, had made a number of respectable persons prisoners, and, having thus succeeded in embarking his misguided adherents in guilt, he replied to my admonition by a message, that he would only consent that his demands should be settled by a national convention, and he insolently added, that he would wait till two o'clock for my answer, which, in one word, was—'Never.' In the course of Tuesday, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Colonel the Hon. ALLAN M'NAB, arrived from the Gore District, at the head of about sixty men, which he had assembled at half an hour's notice; and other brave men flocking in to me from various directions, I was enabled by strong piquets to prevent Mr. M'KENZIE from carrying into effect his diabolical intention to burn the city of TORONTO, in order to plunder the Banks; and having effected this object, I determined that, on the following day, I would make the attack. Accordingly, on Thursday morning, I assembled our forces under the direction of the Adjutant-General of Militia, Colonel FRIZZGIBBON, Clerk of the House of Assembly. The principal body was headed by the Hon. the Speaker, Colonel ALLAN M'NAB, the right wing being commanded by Colonel SAMUEL JARVIS, and the left by Colonel WILLIAM CHISHOLM, assisted by the Hon. Mr. Justice M'LEAN, late Speaker of the House of Assembly; the two guns by Major CARPRAE, of the Militia Artillery. The command of the Militia left in the city remained under Mr. Justice MACAULAY and the protection of the city with Mr. GURNETT, the Mayor. I might, also, have most advantageously availed myself in the field of the military services of Colonel FOSTER, the Commander of the Forces in UPPER CANADA; of Captain BADDELEY, of the corps of Royal Engineers; and of a detachment of eight artillerymen, who form the only regular force in this Province; but, having deliberately determined that this important contest in which I was about to be engaged, should be decided solely by the UPPER CANADA Militia, or, in other words, the inhabitants of this,