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On this disclosure, a meeting of the officers was immediately, but privately, called; and it was agreed that no public step should be taken until Colonel Brock was made acquainted with the particulars. A report from Colonel Sheaffe was at once dispatched to York by a government schooner, then in the Niagara river; and on the receipt thereof Colonel Brock hurried off in the same schooner, taking with him again his young and devoted sergeant-major. The vessel arrived near the mouth of the river a little before noon, and at the colonel's request she was anchored below the town, under the bank of the lake, where he was landed alone, the sergeant-major by his orders remaining below deck out of view, until sent for. He then walked over the common to the east gate of the fort, the sentry at which, on seeing him approach, called out the guard,