

cannon on shore not even a six pounder, and where we had not a piece of mounted Ordnance, until the arrival of the 83d on Friday the sixteenth—while during that week, the Americans were within a mile and a half of us, with three effective field pieces, and every necessary implement of warfare.

Reinforcements were expected from Kingston on Thursday, with heavy ordnance, but owing to unavoidable delay in procuring proper carriages they did not arrive until (Friday) at half past 12. Every one was anxiously looking out for their arrival, when three steamers hove in sight, which proved to be the William IV. Brackville and Colong, having on board the 83d regiment, & a detachment of the Royal Artillery, with three twenty four pounders. The force landed about 1 o'clock, and about three proceeded to the rising ground in rear of the Mill, while the steamers Queen, Experiment and Cobourg, with two gun-boats, took up their position in front of the enemy, some of them coming within rifle shot.

The 83, with the heavy cannon advanced upon the Brigands from the rear, opening a heavy fire upon the stone buildings, which proved effectual, and drove them all into the Mill, at the same time the steamers falling a little below, out of the range of two twenty four pounders, kept up a well directed fire upon the *Bands of Patriots*.

Within one half hour after the firing commenced in earnest, A white flag was seen to wave from the Mill, which however was not attended to by our Forces, as every one was too much exasperated, to show any favour to a Band of Marauders, who had taken forcible possession of a portion of our Territory and put to death many of our inhabitants, indeed had it not been for the influence of the 83d Regiment, as the Polish Von Shoultz says in a letter written by him a short time before his death, very few would have escaped on Friday evening. It was about dusk when the Americans in the Mill marched out and surrendered at discretion, several others including the Polish General were found concealed in the bushes near the bank of the river, and dragged from their hiding places; the prisoners were generally treated well, with only one or two exceptions such things however will unavoidably occur upon similar occasions when every mind is excited and burning with revenge, and it is fortunate for the misguided men that a single one was left to tell the tale. Previous to the surrender, however, the British had fired every building adjacent to the Mill, in order to concentrate their whole attack at once upon the enemy's main fortress, the flames raging in the gloom of night, showing at a great distance the position of the combatants, and shedding a lurid