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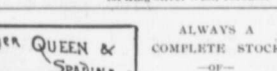
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Written by Major Rogers, in the form of a journal, which he presented to the public shortly after the close of his military career. In order that the Major's mission to Upper Canada may be thoroughly understood it will be well to quote the orders and instructions he received prior to setting out on a journey which was then very difficult to accomplish, says the Major:—

"On the 9th (Sept.) Gen. Amherst informed me of his intention of sending me to Detroit, and on the 12th, in the morning, when I waited upon him again, I received the following orders:—

By his Excellency Jeffrey Amherst, Esq., Major-general and commander-in-chief of all his Majesty's forces in North America, etc.

To Major Rogers, commanding his Majesty's independent companies of Rangers. You will upon receipt hereof, with Capt. Waites and Capt. Hazen's companies of Rangers under your command, proceed in whale boats from hence to Fort William Augustus, taking along with you one Joseph Poupao, alias La Fleur, an inhabitant of Detroit, and Lieut. Brehme, assistant engineer. From Fort William Augustus you will continue your voyage by the north shore to Niagara, where you will land your whale-boats and transport them across the carrying-place into Lake Erie, applying to Major Waiters, or the officer commanding at Niagara, for any assistance you may want on that or any other occasion, requesting of him, at the same time, to deliver up to you, Monsieur Camelin, who was made prisoner at the reduction of the said fort, and has continued there ever since, in order to conduct him, with the above-mentioned Poupao, to their inhabitants at Detroit, where, upon taking the oath of allegiance to his most sacred Majesty, whose subjects they are become by the capitulation of the 8th inst. they shall be protected in the peaceable and quiet possession of their properties, etc.'

"In pursuance of these orders I embarked at Montreal the 13th September, 1760, about noon, in fifteen whale-boats; and that night we encamped at La Chine; next morning we

reached Isle de Praires. \* \* \* \* On the 22nd we continued our course up the river, till we came to the place where formerly stood the old Fort of Frontenac (Kingston), where we found some Indian hunters from Oswegachi (Ogdensburg). We were detained here all the next day by the tempestuousness of the weather; we, however, improved the time in taking a plan of the old fort, situated at the bottom of a fine, safe harbour.

"There were about five hundred acres of cleared ground about it, which, though covered with clover, seemed bad and rocky, and interspersed with some fine trees. The Indians here seemed well pleased with the news we brought them of the surrender of all Canada, and supplied us with great plenty of venison and wild fowl.

We embarked very early on the 28th, steering south-west, leaving a large bay on the right, about twenty miles wide, the western side of which terminates in a point, and a small island, having passed both, about fifteen miles on a course west by south, we entered the chops of a river, called by the Indians the Grace of Man; there we encamped, and found about fifty Mississauga Indians fishing for salmon.

\* \* \* The wind being fair on the 30th we embarked at the first dawn of day, and with the assistance of sails and oars made a great way on a south-west course, and in the evening reached the River Toronto (River Humber), having run seventy miles. We passed a bank of twenty miles in length, but the land behind it seemed to be level, well timbered with large oaks, hickories, maples and some poplars. No mountains appeared in sight. There was a tract of about 300 acres of cleared ground round the place where formerly the French had a fort, that was called Fort Toronto (Fort Rouille). The soil here is principally clay. The deer are extremely plenty in this country. Some Indians were hunting at the mouth of the river, who ran into the woods at our approach, very much frightened.

"They came in, however, in the morning, and testified their joy at the news of our success against the French. They told us that we could easily accomplish our journey from thence to Detroit in eight days; that when the French traded at that place the Indians used to come with their poultry from Michilimackana down the river Toronto; \* \* \* they added, there was a carrying-place of fifteen miles from some westerly part of Lake Erie to a river running without any falls through several Indian towns into Lake St. Clair.

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