

Queen was expecting it, but as her antagonist did not come up, she shot ahead to fire upon the Lawrence, and in so doing she passed the Hunter, that had been ahead between her and the Detroit. After a lapse of two hours Elliot filled his sails and came up, the Caledonia moved on towards the Hunter, which had now dropped astern and to the leeward of the Queen.— Elliot in order to approach the Queen must pass the Caledonia, which he did to the windward or outside of her. and was approaching the Lawrence, which, however, was crippled and was dropping astern a perfect wreck. Elliot then, instead of passing directly down to engage the Queen, luffed to the windward to go round and outside of the Lawrence, and while abreast of her larboard beam, and nearly half a mile distant, Perry left the Lawrence for the Niagara in a boat, and boarded her when she had reached a little ahead of the Lawrence on her larboard bow. The Lawrence now hauled down her flag and ceased firing.— Perry sent Elliot to the small vessels astern to bring them up, and turning his ship's head eight points towards the enemy's line, making a right angle in her course, he went within pistol-shot of the Detroit's bow, and took a raking position. The Detroit in attempting to wear to bring her broadside to her, fell on board the Queen Charlotte, and gave Perry a chance to rake both ships, which he did so effectually that in five minutes they hauled down their colors. Perry now shot further ahead near the Lady Prevost, which from being crippled in her rudder, had drifted out of her place to the leeward, and was pressing forward toward the head of the line to support the two ships. Perry gave her a broad-side which silenced her battery. The Hunter next struck, and the two smaller vessels attempted to escape, but were overhauled by the Scorpion and Tripp, and thus ended the action at near four o'clock, P. M.

Let us now advert for a moment to the scenes exhibited in the flag-ship Lawrence. The wounded began to come down before the Lawrence opened her battery, and for one I felt impatient at the delay. In proper time however as it proved, the dogs of war were let loose from their leash, and it seemed as though heaven and earth were at logger-heads. For more than two long hours, little could be heard but the deafening thunders