

enemy would presume to cross and cover their troops with their OLD FLEET.

It would be impossible to march troops from this frontier in time to be of any use to you. All that I could do with any prospect of being useful has been done. Capt. Harris with the mounted dragoons is, I trust, on his way back. I have ordered him to move rapidly—the Recruits for the 23rd Regt. say 300, are also under orders to join you.

You will not hesitate to make use of all the means within your reach for the preservation of the important trust committed to your charge. Call every soldier to your assistance by accepting the service of every militia volunteer disposed to arm in the defence of his country. If you are deficient in arms take them or anything the cause requires which you can procure from the State Arsenal at Watertown. Victory in such a contest will cover you with immortal honours and I feel your chances are enviable should the enemy presume to attack your post. I cannot believe that he has the power to bring against you 3,000 men, but this number is not alarming, considering the strength of your position.

Lieut. McChain is the bearer of this, he is ordered to forward to the Regts. here BY LAND whatever cloathing may have gone to your post for them; have the goodness to facilitate him in this business by all the aid you can give so as to prevent delay.

With great Regard,

Yours,

JAC. BROWN.

Maj. General

Brig.-Genl. Gaines,

Commdg. Sackett's Harbour.

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NEAR LEWISTON,

April 18th, 1814.

My Dear Sir,

It is very unkind in you to remain so long silent. I did expect that you would have written me very fully before this time. Last