

TO COLONEL BAYNES, &c., &c., &c.

By a report I have just received from my outposts, an attack cannot be far distant. As circumstances are at present, I am determined if possible to be beforehand with them; I shall therefore detain Capt. Milnes until to-morrow.

J. V.

*Canadian Archives, Series C., Vol. 679, p. 19).*

LIEUT.-COLONEL HARVEY, D.A.G., TO COLONEL BAYNES.

BURLINGTON HEIGHTS, Sunday, 6th June, 1813.

MY DEAR COLONEL:—

The enemy having dared to pursue, as he arrogantly termed it, this division by moving a corps of 3,500 men with four field pieces and 150 cavalry to Stony Creek (within ten miles of this position), I strongly urged General Vincent to make a forward movement for the purpose of beating up his encampment. In the course of yesterday afternoon, our advanced post at Davis's (eight miles from hence towards Forty Mile Creek), consisting of the light company of the 49th Regt., was driven in. I instantly went out for the purpose of reconnoitring, and found the enemy had again withdrawn to his camp at Stony Creek. I therefore recommended to the General to move the five companies of the King's (say 280)\* and the 49th regiment (say 424),\* total 700\* men, which was accordingly done, at half-past 11 o'clock. General Vincent accompanied these troops, the conduct and direction of which he was so good as to give to me. The troops moved in perfect order and profound silence, the light companies of the 49th and King's in front,

\* Different figures were originally written, but corrected in Harvey's own hand, as is evident from the ink, the similarity of the figures to others occurring in the same letter, &c.