

march of General Smyth's brigade, upon the failure of the first expedition; but having now determined to attack Queenstown, I sent new orders to General Smyth to march; not with the view of his aid in the attack, for I considered the force detached sufficient, but to support the detachment should the conflict be obstinate.

Lieutenant-Colonel Chrystie, who had just arrived at the Five Mile creek, had late in the night of the first contemplated attack, gallantly offered me his own and his men's service, but he got my permission too late. He now again came forward, had a conference with Colonel Van Rensselaer, and begged that he might have the honor of a command in the expedition. The arrangement was made. Colonel Van Rensselaer was to command one column of three hundred militia, and Lieutenant-Colonel Chrystie a column of the same number of regulars.

Every precaution was now adopted as to boats, and confidential and experienced men selected to manage them. At an early hour of the night, Lieutenant-Colonel Chrystie marched his detachment by the rear road from Niagara to camp. At 7 in the evening, Lieutenant-Colonel Stranahan's regiment moved from Niagara Falls; at 8 o'clock, Mead's; and at 9, Lieutenant-Colonel Blain's regiment marched from the same place. All were in camp in good season. Agreeably to my orders issued upon this occasion, the two columns were to pass over together; and as soon as the heights should be carried, Lieutenant-Colonel Fenwick's flying artillery was to pass over, then Major Mullany's detachment of regulars, and the other troops to follow in order.