

when practicable, gathered up and carefully preserved, as forming material of value for the future historian. While a diary of a colonel or general in command might be written with a view to its subsequent production in evidence at a court martial, or to its publication in obituary form, the common soldier has nothing of this nature to cause him to paint his picture in colors other than as they really appeared.

The diary before us is well authenticated in most of its important details by contemporary history, and we are therefore entitled to regard it as the truthful record of a brave man, who did "nothing extenuate nor set down aught in malice."

#### DIARY OF SERGEANT JOHN BURRELL.

August ye 3 Fryday 1759. Saturday 4 Capt Garash came from Annaploss. Sunday 5 Our armes & amonishon all received this day at Saint Johns. Monday 6 maid a Fitualling return alfebietakel to ye Comisory. Saturday 11 Capt Garash, Lewtt Hutchens, Lewtt Clapt, Lewt Demming, Lewtt Foster & ye Cornel Aburthnet: with 75 men bye ye River this Day with ye Commisoner. Wednesday 15th Our Cornell & 2 vessels come home this night with his Batl. Thursday 16th ye whole party all come back well & Brought two Scourners & a grate deal of plunder. Fryday 17th Brought ye vessels to anker this day & had a frollek [frolic]. Sondag 26th Ensn. Pike with a party of men went to hallafax with one of ye Scourners in order to have condemend. Thursday 30 August Fryday 30th we kiled a Bare a swimming acrost ye River. Our Cornel went to annapoless with ye Scourner this night. Tuesday [September] 4th ye Cornel Came back from Annaples all well. Wednesday 5th our Cornel with two Captens & three Lewts & two Ensn about 85 men went bye ye River this night. Tuesday 11th ye Cornel Returned with ye party of ye scots up the River brought but a little Plunder for they were beat by ye enemy firing upon ye party as they were in a small creek & kield Ensn Tirrell and Corporall Shelden, John Ells, Eleser Peks & Elishu Randell, Total 5, & wounded at ye same time Lewt. Foster, Leonerd Commins.