

23 We had no extraordinary Incidents 'till this morning when a Serjeant of the R. F. received a mortal wound from a Splinter of a brick. Three Balls have at different time enter'd the Officers guard room at the S. R. and tho' there were never less than 8 or 10 people in the room & once 13, no one was ever hurt, if we except Captⁿ Stronge who receiv'd a slight contusion. The Weather began to be exceeding cold and the Men to fall sick,

We were oblig'd to diminish the guards. The duty having been too hard, Men and Officers having sometimes been two nights successively on duty for want of a sufficient number for a relief. Our Ammunition became scarce and we fir'd little, and only small Shells.

27 Firing heard towards Montreal.

28 Weather exceeding cold, one of the deserters from the rebels deserted back. An Indian came in, who told us many lies; amongst the rest, that Gen^l Carleton had made good his landing at Longueil, that 5,000 Men were arriv'd in Canada &c^a he likewise inform'd us of Capt. Robinsons Fate. We gave him a letter for Gen^l Carleton which was fastn'd in a Silver tag he wore in his hair.

We had scarcely any firing. We imagin'd we saw a Battery rising off the N.W. Angle of the N. Redout.

29. Captⁿ Monin and Captⁿ M^cKoy went out this morning in hopes of getting a prisoner, and if possible to survey the Enemy's position. An Officer & 25 Men were order'd to be in readiness to support them. They had been out a very little while, when they fell in with a Man who we afterward found was a straggler from a party of 200 Men, who were very near the same Spot. The Man inform'd us there were 2,000 Men at the rapids (i.e the lower Camp) and 50 Indians. He knew of no advantage gain'd at Longueil. He shew'd us the place of the Battery and told us it was to be of 4 guns. We threw a good many shells towards it and continued so doing every quarter of an hour during the night.

30. The Battery appear'd very plainly. 9 fat pigs came running towards the Fort and were receiv'd with great cordiality.

Firing was heard towards Montreal We had very little firing from the Enemy A Man was struck in the foot by a grape Shot.

Nov^r 1 A soldier of the R. F. deserted to the Rebels.—At 10^o Clock this Morning the N W. Battery of 4 guns open'd, That on the opposite Side of the River play'd on us at the same time, these with 6 Mortars kept an incessant fire 'till Sun Set. Large pieces of the Wall were knock'd in The Chimneys of the House in the South Redoubt were thrown down and the few Corners where some little Shelter from the Weather was to be had were now no longer tenable. A great many shot pass'd thro' the parapets and some wounded Men behind them. 3 Men were kill'd and 4 or 5 wounded. A good deal of provision was destroy'd.—

Towards night the Enemy beat a parley, Their Messenger was receiv'd and he brought the following letter from M^r Montgommery

The Messenger was a hair dresser of Montreal who had been taken prisoner at Longueil. He told us of Gen^l Carletons not having been able to effect a landing there. Capⁿ Stewart was sent to tell M^r M^tgommery that we should send an Answer next morning

The Officers were assembled. Maj^r Preston inform'd them that there was at 3 Rations, pork and flour for 8 days, from this was to be deducted the damages of the day before. The Advice of the Officers was then taken and the following letter sent.

2^d—Captⁿ Stewart and Captⁿ Williams went to the Camp with the letter and return'd with the following Answer

An Officer was sent up to the point to speak with Mons^r Despains who confirm'd the Barbers deposition. There was now nothing left, but to frame the best Articles We cou'd for the Garrison.

The following were drawn up* and sent in a letter to this Purpose.

* (Here should follow the Articles.)