

safely across the river while being closely watched by a vigilant enemy of nearly ten times our force, and was then told, but not by the messenger or any of the chief officers, that arrangements had been made with the British officer in command at Prescott, that King might take us away if it could be done without noise or discovery; that we must be very quiet about the matter. During this time the man Nevins was boisterously and confidently promising that in a short time we would have sufficient reinforcements to hold our position and drive the enemy away. But we had had enough of Birge and his "Aids," if not of his aid and could not see the propriety of remaining longer in a cold stone Mill without food or fire, and I hastened to obey the order, and personally superintended the removal of two very severely wounded comrades. These two were the last to be got down, and when we had reached the second storey of the mill the sad news came to us that the *Paul Pry* had departed. I immediately went down and out of the Mill, and dimly saw the boat leaving. The whole time that the steamer remained at the Mill, could not have exceeded thirty-five minutes. About that length of time after its departure, the Canadian armed steamer came out from Prescott and ran down the river until near-