

and ague, and unable to be with the army, which is within four miles of the Americans, who are strongly entrenched. Our men and they are engaged every day and night, and they still come off with the worst. We have had several of our men wounded, but none killed since we came here. Our fleet chased theirs some time ago, and commenced a running fight, and in a very short time took two of their schooners, sank two, and disabled two more, in such a manner that it is doubtful whether they got into port or went down. However, I suppose you will have the news at Montreal very nearly as soon as some parts of the army, which is a good deal divided.

When I got to York in coming here, every officer who had two trunks left one or both, and took what would shift himself. I did the same some time afterwards. The Americans came and took everything they could lay their hands on, and my trunk with everything I brought away with me, except a change and my blanket and sheet. I heard a few days since that the baggage of Colonel Stuart, Major Gordon, and Adjutant MacEwen is safe however. My going there will satisfy me on that head. I had the information in good time, as officers and men were ordered to give in statements of their losses, and mine was in some days before the order was known, so that I had time to withdraw it until I found what loss I had actually sustained.