

—No. 1.—

Admiralty Office, 1st February 1815.

AN ACCOUNT of the Number of Ships or Vessels, of any description, that were upon the Lakes of *Canada* and upon *Lake Champlain*, and fit for Service, on the 18th of June 1812, the 15th of May and 1st of November 1813; with the Force of each Vessel in Guns, Men and Boys.

THERE are no Returns in this Department which can show the Force exactly at the periods above-mentioned; but the following Statements are the nearest in point of time to each date respectively.

The latest Return prior to the declaration of War in America, is on the 1st of May 1812; at which date there were,

On *Lake Ontario* :—

1	Ship or Vessel of 22 Guns, and 35 Men.
1	- - - - - 14 - - - 24 —
1	- - - - - 8 - - - Not stated.
1	- - - - - 12 - (building.)

On *Lake Erie* :—

1	Ship or Vessel of 18 Guns, and 35 Men.
1	- - - - - 10 - - - 14 —
1	- - - - - 12 - (building.)

The nearest date of any Return to the 15th of May 1813, is dated 24th July 1813; at which period there were,

On *Lake Ontario* :—

1	Ship or Vessel of 23 Guns, and 175 Men.	} Exclusive of 200 Soldiers embarked as Marines.
1	- - - - - 20 - - - 155 —	
1	- - - - - 16 - - - 92 —	
1	- - - - - 14 - - - 60 —	
1	- - - - - 12 - - - 80 —	
1	- - - - - 12 - - - 70 —	

On *Lake Erie* :—

1	Ship or Vessel of 20 Guns, just launched.
1	- - - - - 18 - and 110 Men.
1	- - - - - 12 - - - 76 —
1	- - - - - 6 - - - 39 —
3	- - - - - 2 each, and 15 Men each.

In the *Richlieu* and *Lake Champlain* :—

2	Ships or Vessels of 11 Guns, and 40 Men each.
3	Gun-boats, of - - - - - 20 Men each.

The nearest date of any Return to the 1st November 1813, is dated 26 January 1814; at which period there were on *Lake Ontario* and *Lake Champlain* and the adjoining Rivers, as follows,

<i>Lake Ontario</i> :	<i>Lake Champlain</i> and Rivers:
1 Ship or Vessel of 23 Guns.	1 Ship or Vessel of 16 Guns.
1 - - - - - 21 —	1 - - - - - 11 —
1 - - - - - 21 —	1 - - - - - 4 —
2 - - - - - 14 - each.	1 - - - - - Unknown.
1 - - - - - 12 —	1 - - - - - 16 Guns.
1 - - - - - 9 —	
1 - - - - - 58 } nearly ready	Nearly ready to launch:
1 - - - - - 43 } to launch.	20 Gun-boats.
	9 D° - building and nearly ready.

There is no Account of the distribution of the Men in each Ship, at this date; but in addition to the numbers stated in the foregoing Return, 576 Seamen and two Marine Battalions of 1,286 Men, had arrived in *Canada* prior to the 1st of November 1813.