

appear, had been endeavouring to force Mitchell from his position. The Colonel appeared undiscouraged and like a brave man tenacious of his own honor and devoted to the cause in which he is engaged, will do his duty. Of the Result of yesterday's attack we are yet ignorant. It is reported to me this morning that the Enemies sixty-gun ship left Kingston yesterday. I shall know in the course of to-night the truth of this report

Finding that letters move slow between Utica and Buffaloe, I sent for Mr. Varnum, who is here as agent for the postmaster, for the purpose of ordering the military Express mail from Utica to Buffaloe or wherever the army might be on the Niagara Frontier when he showed me a letter from Mr. Bradley, declining the allowance of Funds "deeming it unnecessary as an Armistice would probably take place" in the course of a few days. You will direct what is proper to be done in this case.

Yours,

JAC. BROWN.

Honble.

John Armstrong,
Secy. of War.

HEAD QUARTERS, SACKETT'S HARBOUR,

May 8th, 1814.

Dear Sir.

Oswego was taken by the Enemy on the 6th. Their whole fleet, new and old, was employed upon this Expedition. I have accounts from Kingston after the fleet sailed; advising me that 1500 men embarked. Col. Mitchell with three hundred men maintained his position for nearly two days in this unequal contest. Time was given for the militia of the Country to have been raised in Masse for his support. Colonel Mitchell and his gallant comrades deserve well of their country, some have been killed, many have bled, after every effort consistent with duty, a retreat was effected in the face of the vastly superior force of the Enemy.

The Enemies Fleet passed in view of this place yesterday afternoon, apparently bound for Kingston. We have not yet learn-