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When the troops had crossed over, the next morning, they formed and advanced in column, at whose head the general placed himself. On approaching the point where the guns of the fort would bear on the column, Colonel Nichol went up to him, and said: "Pardon me, general, but I cannot forbear entreating you not to expose yourself thus. If we lose you, we lose all; let me pray you to allow the troops to pass on, led by their own officers." To which the general answered: "Master Nichol, I duly appreciate the advice you give me, but I feel that in addition to their sense of loyalty and duty, many here follow me from a feeling of personal regard, and I will never ask them to go where I do not lead them." The general continued at the head of the column, and as the Americans retreated into the fort without firing their guns outside, the fears of the British for the safety of their chief were not realized.

Of this Colonel Nichol we are enabled to give the following notice. In 1804, while Colonel Brock was commanding at Fort George, there was at Fort Erie an individual who kept what in Canada is termed a "store," that is, a shop for supplying such wares and merchandize as the farmers and other inhabitants required. It was a retail store of little consideration. With this individual, by name Robert Nichol—a mean looking little Scotchman, who squinted very much—Colonel Brock somehow became acquainted, and, to the surprise of the officers of the 49th, invited him

Prevost, because the latter saw fit to speak of the battle of the Moravian town with unqualified censure (see page 366). In the same manner, more credit is given in the review to Colonel Proctor for the capture of Detroit than to Major-General Brock, although the former advised the latter *not* to cross the river! (See page 267.) Captain Proctor furnished his materials ten years after Sir Isaac Brock's death, forgetting perhaps that although dead men tell no tales, their private letters sometimes do. Did Captain Proctor ever hear of an anecdote of Tecumseh, who used to say in his broken English: "General Brock say, 'Tecumseh, *come* fight Yankee.' General Proctor say, 'Tecumseh, *go* fight Yankee!'" (See Tecumseh's speech, page 362.—F. B. T.)