

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS.

KINGSTON, *6th June* 1813.

Mrs MACEWEN, Montreal.

I take the first opportunity of informing you that I arrived safely here, the day before yesterday. Our march was disagreeable beyond anything I ever experienced in the whole course of my life. We were ten days in getting to this place, which is poverty itself. We cannot get anything to eat, except our rations. The inhabitants of the country have either joined the army or made off; and although it is a beautiful part of the country, there is nothing to be had for love or money. I am happy I did not bring you here, as the women are ordered from the army down to Montreal. Mrs Billing, when I saw her five days ago, was preparing to come up, but now she must go the other way, as no officer or man can be allowed to have his wife with him. Before this reaches you, the news of our failure at Sacket's Harbour must have reached you. It ended very badly. We had four men killed and seven wounded, out of seventeen of the battalion present. They were commanded by Ensign Rutledge, who got great praise for his conduct during the engagement.