

safe over the bar, at the mouth of the river, except one of the transports, which was brought up on the shoals, and detained us till nigh three in the afternoon. Tide making in her favor, she got under way, and enabled us all to proceed to Cenebec R. The vessel I was desired to go on board of was the Broad Bay, a topsail schooner, in company of our colonel commandant, Mr. Spring, [the] Chaplain, and a number of other gentlemen, several of which were volunteers of distinction. Our commandant now became Commodore of the Squadron, and after preparing signals, and distributing them to each captain of the respective transports, we pushed for Cenebec River. Nothing extraordinary occurred during our passage; had that evening heavy wind with considerable rain, this bringing on a swell, occasioned most of the troops to disgorge themselves of their luxuries so plentifully laid in ere we embarked.

Wednesday 20.—This morning brought the mouth of the Cenebec River in sight half an hour after sunrise. The wind and rain continued exceedingly hard, and with much difficulty we entered the river; however, we finally got in and came to an anchor about a mile up the river. Went on shore with the gentlemen, got some fresh beef, &c. Here we waited till five in the afternoon for the other transports to arrive, but being separated the preceding night in the gale of wind, many fell much to leeward. We now proceeded up the river to Parker's flats, where we came to an anchor this night.

Thursday 21.—Several of the transports that were missing came up with us last night, and early this morning. Weighed and proceeded up the river, distance unknown.

Friday 22.—No extraordinary occurrence this day, except our pilots running us on the shoals, which detained us a considerable time. Passed through a very narrow part of the river which was very rapid, called Hell Gate. Passed Pownalborough ere we arrived at Gardner's Town, where a number of battoes were preparing for our reception after the transports became useless. These were not quite finished. Came to an anchor, where we tarried till the remainder of the transports came up. Two of which were drove to leeward down to Sheeps-Gup River, so called, and came up to us by way of Townsend. The Broad Bay now weighed, and proceeded up to Fort Western, leaving a number of men behind to bring up the batteaux.

Saturday 23.—Wind being unfavourable, we were not able to arrive at Fort Western last evening. This morn I quitted the B. Bay, and proceeded up the river by land. The distance being only five miles to F. W., though most of the way was destitute of any road. Arrived at F. Western at 10 o'clock in the morning. We were now come to a Rapid in the river, beyond which our transports could not pass, nor could they all get up as far as

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