

and both of them great hands at roaring. They certainly are odd fish at Fish river, and, like mackerel, jump like fools at red cloth. They talked big, and looked big at the big lake; but that was from making too free with biggons of liquor. It was natural they should think at last they were "big-uns" themselves. It is no wonder they had such a difficulty in raising men when they were all officers, and that there was no subordination when they were all in command. Hiring substitutes is a poor way of a-proxi-mating to an army, and marching in the month of March is no fun when the snow is up to the middle. "A friend in need is a friend indeed," but not when he is in-kneed in snow. Such marching must cost them many a "bummy dear," while wading through creeks in winter is apt to give a crick in the neck; and camping out on the ice to terminate in a severe camp-pain. Indeed, the patriots of Maine must have been joking when they said they intended to *run* a line, for everybody knew they couldn't *stand* to it. If they were in earnest, all I can say is, that it is the first time a legislature ever seriously proposed to *run* their country. Too many of them, it is to be feared, are used to it, for not a few of them have cut and run thither from the British provinces. Playing at soldiers is as losing an affair as playing at cards, especially when you have nothing higher than knaves to play with, and the honours are against you.

There has been great laughter at the spoil; the timber-dealers seizing a cargo of deal, and a hundred logs

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