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They pulled directly for Niagara, at this point
thirty miles across. Fortunately, the weather
continued calm, and they reached Niagara the
following morning, whence Colonel Brock at once
directed a lieutenant (Cheshire) and a party of
the detachment stationed there to proceed in a
bateau along the American shore of Lake Ontario,
while with his own boat he returned towards York,
by coasting along the west end of the lake, so as
to intercept the deserters, should they have taken
that course. They, however, had crossed the
lake direct to the American shore, and were over-
taken by the party from Niagara, every man being
brought back. The manner in which the fugitives
were captured deserves mention. The detachment
sent in pursuit from Fort George was accompanied
by an Indian, who, after some time, asked per-
mission to land, that he might shoot on shore,
keeping within a short distance of the boat as it
coasted the lake. He unexpectedly met the de-
serters in their red jackets in the woods, and at
once running to the lake, he hailed the officer,
and informed him of what he had seen. The
officer and his party immediately landed, and set
out in pursuit; they walked a few miles on a very
hot day, but were unable to discover the fugitives,
and some of the party asked leave to go to the
lake side to quench their thirst. While drinking,
they saw two or three of the deserters approaching
for the same purpose, and having secured them,
they quickly overtook the remainder. Had the
American government been aware of the circum-
stance, they probably would have considered it as
a violation of their territory. No other desertions
occurred from any post personally commanded by
Colonel Brock in Canada. It was said that