

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29a

15. The cannonade began again in the Morning, about 140 Shot were fir'd. One of the Volunteers had both his Legs shot off at the N. Redout At the same time Musketry was fir'd from the Woods and a Man of the R. Fusiliers was shot thro' the Thigh.

The Weather grew very cold, and as the Windows of the house were all broke; As many as cou'd find room in the Cellars slept there, The rest unable either to get a place or to bear the heat and disagreeable smell arising from such numbers being crowded together slept above in cold and danger or walk'd about the greatest part of the night. Towards Evening we were again saluted with shells; and the night being cold and wet, it was thought proper to rouse us at Midnight with a few Shells and Shot.

16. More Cannonading. A Carpenters arm was shot off. The Schooner sunk up to her ports. We found that red hot shot had been fir'd, for part of the Sch'ooner was set on fire and her Colors which lay in the hold were scorch'd.

Firing was heard in the night; we could not determine whether towards La Prairie or Chambli.

We were constantly employ'd in throwing up Traverses; These from the hasty manner in which they were constructed and the bad weather soon fell in, and were again propt and repair'd; so that our Shatter'd House together with the ruinous Traverses and mud Ditches, broken platforms &c^a exhibited a very ragged Scene—Within Doors, if that cou'd be called within doors where Doors and Windows were broken in pieces, the Appearance was no better; Heaps of boards, Earth, glass, brick and other Rubbish lay promiscuously scatter'd: The rooms, by the partitions being broke, were mostly laid together, and the roof and ceiling were open on every side, especially where the shell had markt its path. Such was the State of the N. R.

The S. Redout was no better circumstanc'd: A 13 Inch Shell had fall'n into the Barn and many Shot had struck the house. Our Rum, Wine &c^a were exhausted. Salt Pork was our daily fare, with sometimes a few roots, and we reduced ourselves about this time to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the usual Allowance. The Men were many of them flux'd, yet enjoy'd or rather had better health than could have been hop'd. The Situation of the Sick and wounded was a very cruel one. They were neither out of the reach of danger, nor were they shelter'd from the Inclemency of the Weather, or provided with any of those things which might alleviate their Sufferings; One or two were hurt in their births.

A Shot wounded a Soldier of the R. F. (he died). Another was bruise'd and the pouch of a third was carried away.

17th Firing was heard towards Chambli. Traverses were erected within the house. Captⁿ Robinson of the R. E. with two Volunteers sat out for Montreal with a Message from Major Preston. [They were taken.]

18 Firing was again heard towards Chambli. A Man of the R. A. was kill'd.

In the night many fellows approach'd the Redoubts and fir'd musketry.

We saw lights going round the brush.

19 Cannonading from the Enemy.

20 Two men appear'd at the edge of the Wood to the N. of the redoubts with a flag of Truce. They were brought in blindfolded. One was the drum Major of the R. F. This was to inform us that Chambli had surrender'd and to request leave for Batteaux to pass the Forts with the Prisoners and their Baggage.

21 The Garrison of Chambli pass'd the Forts. Three Volunteers at St Johns wanted to Capitulate for themselves and were refus'd Maj^r Prestons leave. A young Man came into the Forts with a flag of truce, to bring three Women whose husbands were in the Fort. He gave a letter to Maj^r Preston of which the following is a Copy.

"We were told by the drum Major that a Battery was erecting to the N.W. of us, and that an unsuccessfull Attempt had been made at Longeuil under Mon^r Rigauville who was taken prisoner.

Incessant rain.