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but the light infantry, having made good their landing, gave them such a fire, as obliged them to retreat. However, they took to the woods, through which our men were to march for four miles, and wounded some of our men with their bush-fire: and were not dispersed till Captain M'Donell's corps rushed in upon them, took three prisoners and drove the rest away.

By this means the little army got safe to the left of Kitty Vitty, where it was intended to secure a communication with the ships for landing the artillery and stores. The enemy, posted upon a hill on the other side of that river, fired upon our men: but a party was detached across the river, which drove the enemy from their advantageous post, and obliged them to retreat towards St. John's, leaving ten prisoners behind. The enemy was still in possession of two very high and steep hills, which commanded the whole ground from Kitty Vitty to St. John's: one was near our advanced posts, and the other near to St. John's: which made it necessary to dislodge them. Accordingly Captain M'Donell, with his corps of light infantry, and the provincial light infantry, supported by the advanced posts, undertook to surprize the enemy on the first hill, which commanded our posts. Captain M'Donell passed their centres and advanced guards, and was not discovered till the enemy's main body saw him climbing up the rocks, and almost at the top, which he gained; and, having received the enemy's

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