

perseverance in the American Army. In their retreat from Forty Mile Creek, almost the whole of their camp equipage, together with a quantity of stores, fell into our hands. General Dearborn has withdrawn his troops from Fort Erie, and is concentrating his forces at Fort George. Col. Vincent has advanced to support the Light Infantry and Indian warriors, who are employed in circumscribing the enemy, to compel them to make use of their own resources for the maintenance of their army."

#### INDIANS KILLED.

"Little Chief, a Delaware; one Chippewa Chief from La Cladu; Deyahokethe, Aheatagea, war chiefs of the Caughnawagas; Dekyateaghna-wea, Nippissing Chief; Kaneuyatiran, Anajareghtha, St. Regis warriors, killed the 24th June at the Beechwoods, on the mountain by Millers; Shogohiornegstha, a fine boy, lost an arm."

—Col. Claus's *Mss. Letter Book*.

#### COLONEL BOERSTLER TO HIS FATHER.

"HEAD OF LAKE ONTARIO, }  
"UPPER CANADA, }  
"25th June, 1813. }

"DEAR FATHER,—It becomes my unfortunate lot to inform you that yesterday I was taken prisoner, with a detachment under my command amounting to 500 men, after an engagement of about three hours. I lost not many killed, about 40 wounded, and five or six officers, myself a flesh wound, of no consequence. I am on my way to Kingston. I shall write you every opportunity. The officers under my command must say whether your son did his duty. I need only state to you that I was 17 miles from Fort George, and surrounded on all sides by more than my numbers, and the enemy's force increasing, while mine was constantly diminishing, ammunition nearly exhausted, men wearied with a march of ten miles without a mouthful of refreshments, then the engagement, then to fight our way back, the whole distance, surrounded by woods filled by Indians. On the score of humanity I determined to capitulate, as it was extremely doubtful whether a man of us would reach Fort George. What I say above will be sufficient for you. My country must apply to those under my command.

"Your son,

CHARLES.

"Col. Scott will please seal and forward the above.

"DEAR SIR,—I pray you to believe your son is not condemned for being unfortunate."

"Respectfully sir, your obedient servant,

"W. SCOTT."