

*25th.*—Finished repairing nine of the worst flat-bottomed boats. It having been represented by Dr. Russell that wine would be extremely necessary for the men who were troubled with the scurvy, ordered a quantity to be bought and distributed among them, which they were to pay for themselves. The Acadian woman who had been with me before returned and informed me the Indians of Nova-Scotia had made their peace with the British Government. She promised to forward a letter to the Governor of the British fort in the river St. John's, which I sent to him, informing him in general terms the garrison was well, and desiring he would forward the same to General Amherst and the Governor of New-England.

*28th.*—Received intelligence the French had sent up pilots to their ships which had wintered in the Sorel; that they were busied in cleaning and getting them ready, and everything else, for an early expedition in spring; that they had reinforced their advanced guard, and the whole regiment of Languedoc was come down to Point-au-Tremble and St. Augustine.

*29th.*—Was informed Mons. de Boishebert, captain of the colony troops, was returned from the lower parts of the country, where he had been some time, and reported a peace was talked of.

*APRIL 2nd.*—Fresh intelligence being had of the designs of the French, ordered the parishes to bring into town the fascines and piquets they had been ordered to make as expeditiously as possible; at the same time as a report prevailed that General Amherst had attacked and burned Chambly, I thought it was right to be in readiness to second him, in case such a report was confirmed, and for that purpose ordered three of the regiments to be reviewed, and the grenadiers and piquets to be in readiness to march.

*3rd.*—As I considered the reports spread among the French of paquets from Europe to be with an intention to amuse the