

was small, Eddy anticipated an easy capture, but Colonel Joseph Gorham, the commander, and his garrison made a brave resistance, and the assault by Eddy's force failed, and with his followers Eddy retreated to Machias. Nearly all the residents of Cumberland who had assisted Eddy in this enterprise followed him on his retreat.

Moses Delesdernier, writing to his patron, General Haldimand,* in October, 1778, after relating his own misfortunes, makes this statement in reference to his nephew: "But to mine and my family's great sorrow, they (the rebels) prevailed upon my nephew by threats to take arms and join them." Subsequent events, however, show that Lewis Frederick Delesdernier was not an unwilling follower under Eddy.

At Machias Lewis Delesdernier appears to have attached himself to the fortunes of Colonel John Allan, who had been appointed superintendent of the Indians with the rank of colonel, and who gave Delesdernier a lieutenant's commission, and also appointed him "A. D. C., and acting secretary to the commanding officer" at Machias. Delesdernier accompanied Colonel Allan on all the predatory enterprises in which Allan was engaged, and his pen recorded many of the occurrences that Mr. Kidder has collected in the volume entitled "Military Operations." In August, 1778, Delesdernier, with several others, was captured by an armed vessel and taken to Halifax. But in September, 1779, he was again at Machias, and on the 28th of that month wrote to Dr. Avery, as follows, in reference to an occurrence in which members of his own family were interested:

"I write addressed jointly to you and Esq'r Shaw, enclosing a letter to the owners of a privateer that had fallen in with a small schooner, owned by my brother Frank and Dr. Head, wherein all my father's effects were embarked to be conveyed from Cumberland to Windsor, but were taken by Capt. Weston, commander of said privateer. McKenzie, master of said Schooner, having a fair opportunity, stole away from Pemiquid, and in six days brought her back to Windsor by himself. This accident, or anything you may please to stile it, was the means of my father repossessing the remainder of his effects; as all not taken out and spoiled and destroyed, as happened to the greater part. In hopes of getting recompence for what is gone, he embarked the remains, with my mother and brother John, are come to this place with Littlefield, via Passamaquoddy. My hopes of their getting any more than chance has returned to them are small."†

To the credit of Colonel Allan, he was greatly opposed to the villainous system of privateering, and the occurrence related shows that friends

* Haldimand Collection. Moses Delesdernier's letter to Gen. Haldimand. October, 1778.

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