

promised by the militia officers to come in as soon as possible. No movements of the enemy this day.

Thursday, 4th. The enemy very still—nothing of moment transpiring relative to the troops on either side. Had a heavy rain, unknown almost to the country at this season.

Friday, 5th. Thaw continuing. Snow six feet deep. No occurrences of moment.

Saturday 6th. The troops were stationed in the most advantageous position for preventing the enemy making any descent upon us. The number I cannot exactly ascertain, but imagine them to be about 400. We had now relinquished the idea of taking the city by force till a reinforcement should arrive. Contented ourselves with barely keeping up the blockade, and found ourselves very happy and undisturbed. We were, however, alarmed often by their coming out into the suburbs, pillaging after fire-wood, &c. They took down any building they could come at for that purpose. This occasioned the Colonel to give orders to our troops to burn and destroy as many of the houses as they would be likely to obtain, in order to distress them, in hopes they would be obliged to capitulate for want of fire-wood, &c. We, however, came short in our expectations to reduce them in this way, notwithstanding every house was burnt in the city suburbs where our troops could come nigh enough. From this to the 18th of March nothing extraordinary happening. Burning the houses to prevent the enemy's getting them often occasioned slight skirmishing, with various success, but nothing capital. About this time arrived troops from Montreal to our assistance. Several deserters coming out, but never able to obtain a true state of their army. From this to April the 3d, no occurrences of moment. Troops coming up to our relief. A battery opened from Point Levi upon the city, but being scanty of ammunition were allowanced only a few round per day, just to keep the enemy in a continual alarm. About this time an insurrection happened down the river St. Lawrence, about six leagues from Quebec, in consequence of some of the enemy's emissaries, joined to the envious instigations of some of their priests. They collected a number of Canadians, and were marching up in form to take possession of our troops at Point Levi. Of this the General obtained intelligence, and immediately detached Major Dubois, a very brave officer, with a number of men to oppose them. The major fell in with their party upon surprise, killed some, wounded others, (among the last was a priest) and captured a number more and brought them to Head Quarters. Arnold had some time since received a Brigadier's commission, but being a younger officer than General Wooster, then commanding at Montreal, the former was superseded by the latter. General Arnold had so far recovered of his wound ere

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