

A JOURNAL, &c.

Cambridge, Tuesday, September 13, 1775.

The detachment under the command of Commandant Arnold had now been under marching orders from the 11th,* during which time most of the troops had quitted this place by different detached parties for the more convenient marching and lodging.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., I left this in company with Mr. Greene (my mate,) Mr. Bafr, and Mr. Jackson, when we marched, distance from Cambridge, seven miles, on our way to Newbury Port. Came up with some part of the army at this place, and being pretty well tired with seven miles foot-padding in two hours, we concluded to compose ourselves, though with very indifferent fare.

Wednesday, 14th.—Finding the fleas and other Tory insects not a little free with our property, we thought best to decamp very early this morn. and proceeded as far as Salem, where we dined; from thence to Old Ipswich, where we found very agreeable lodgings, &c. By this time our feet began to be very sensible of our undertaking, and threatened an immediate excoriation; however, being all in the same predicament, afforded a seeming alleviation.

Thursday, 15th.—We renewed our march this morning by sunrise, and continued it till half after one, P. M., when we arrived in the town of Newbury, where I, with my company, took lodgings at Mr. Devenport's, an Innholder. The rear of the army was now coming up, while the transports were fitting with all possible despatch for our reception. This being a very agreeable place, I spent my time in a routine of pleasure; however, our residence was only temporary, and all things being ready for our embarkation, we left a most beautiful town and its brave generous inhabitants the 19th.

Tuesday, 19th.—Transports being now in readiness, we were ordered to embark this morning by 9 o'clock. Our fleet consisted of 11 sail of shipping, sloops and schooners, containing, upon an average, 100 troops, as our army consisted of 1100 men, officers included.† Got under way immediately, and all got

* Henry's Campaign, p. 16. Meigs's Journal, vol. 2. Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc. p. 227, (2d series.)

† Henry's Campaign, p. 17. Ten companies of musketmen, and three companies of riflemen. Meigs's Journ. vol. 2, (2d ser.) Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc. p. 228. Allen's Journ., 1 vol. Coll. Maine Hist. Soc., vol. 1, p. 388, contains a statement of the officers and volunteers of the expedition. Arnold's instructions are to be found, Wash. Writ. vol. 3, p. 86.