

War of 1812" (pp 604, 605). It is worth while quoting one part of the account: "Meanwhile," says Lossing, "General Vincent, the British commander, had been thrown from his horse in the darkness, and being unable to find either his animal or his troops, had wandered off in the woods. His friends supposed him to be killed or a prisoner. The command devolved upon Col. Harvey, who finding it impossible to drive the Americans from their position, collected his scattered forces as quickly as possible, and while it was yet dark hastened back towards Burlington Heights with his notable prisoners.

. . . During the ensuing day (that is the 7th), Vincent was found by his friends in the woods, four miles from the place of conflict, without hat or sword, and almost famished. His horse and accoutrements had fallen into the hands of the Americans."

It is unnecessary to comment on such statements. The whole of the account is much of a piece with this specimen. The General who was picked up in the woods on the 7th, and not reported among the missing, had actually written an official report on the 6th, dated at Burlington Heights, to which he had returned in company with his victorious troops; and so far from the command devolving on Harvey by accident, it had in the noblest manner been given to him by Vincent, so that he might have full credit for the plan of operations.

But the documents may be allowed to speak for themselves.

DOUGLAS BRYMNER.

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BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOHN VINCENT TO COLONEL BAYNES.

BAIZLEY'S, 4th June, 1813.

DEAR COLONEL:—

I have made no change in my intention since I wrote last. The enemy are advancing, but not so rapid or in