

been carried on hitherto; at the same time executed an inhabitant, heretofore a drummer in the French service, for having enticed some of our soldiers to desert—one of them, of the Royal American Regiment, having been actually caught in his house in a Canadian dress.

18th.—It having been discovered that a French priest had been tampering with some of our men, in order to persuade them to desert, I reprieved Owen Kearnon, of the 3rd Battalion Royal American Regiment, upon his promise to do his endeavour to discover him, and banished one Bandouin, a priest, who had taken upon him to instruct some of our sick soldiers in the hospital.

20th.—Ordered Major Hussey, commanding the detachment at Lorette, to summons the inhabitants of that parish, to make them deliver their arms, swear them, and burn the houses of those who might be still with the army.

22nd.—Having also intelligence that the enemy, alarmed at our motions, had advanced a body of troops on this side Jacques Cartier which might in their turn undertake something upon our advanced posts, I advised Major Hussey of the same, and ordered him to withdraw into the church the guard which was advanced from him, and to defend it to the last extremity. I had now reason to consider how unlucky it was my scheme had not been thoroughly executed, as in that case the enemy could not have subsisted any body of troops on this side Jacques Cartier. In the afternoon of this day appeared in sight ten French ships, which came to an anchor in sight of the town, with an intention to have passed this night; but the wind falling, they would not trust to the wind only, and the next morning, for fear of a bombardment, removed higher out of sight.

23rd.—As there was a confusion in all public business, from the different value set upon the current specie, I published this day an order, in French and English, regulating the same.