

back for Col. Bost[wick] to send on a few of his men. I took possession of a house about 6 miles from Allen's. [We] called ourselves Amer[icans]. The people discovered their sentiments to us. I got a dozen of them prisoners, [and] detained all but one till morning, when B[osiwick] arrived. We moved on [and] took 2 of the party. [We] surrounded old Allen's house but the traitor (Watson) had made his escape. We took old Allen and the two prisoners with us and returned to Oxford. I left a serg[ean]t and 4 men there. [I] heard of Maj. Chambers's approach [and] met him at Burford. He desired me to return to Ft. George with the prisoners and apply for more cavalry to join him. On my return Gen. Brock had sailed for York. I followed him in a boat and reported myself. He was very well pleased with my proceedings [and] sent me back with the cornet and 28 men. I was too well satisfied with my command to be long joining Maj. Chamb[ers]. He was at Oxford with 40 reg[ulars] and 100 m[ilitia]. I left Chippawa at 1 a. m. Tuesday, July 28, with 1 officer] and 18 [men].

On the 8th August I was going with a party to Del[aware] Town. [I] was countermanded and returned to Burford. [On] the 16th Aug. [I] heard of a party of the enemy's horse being at Long Point. [I] followed them with 20 of mine till we arrived at Dover without hearing of them. Next day [we] proceeded nearly to Port Talbot when we discovered they had not been down, [and] returned, not a little chagrined.

Capt. G. Hamilton, Askin, Rolph, &c., were volunteers with M[ajor] Chambers. On the 9th August the gallant and celebrated Brock arrived with the flank companies of the York Militia, and Capt. Hatt's f[lan]k c[ompany] from the Niag[ara] Dist[ri]ct. He addressed all the militia present [and] told them of his determination of proceeding immediately to Amherstburg and driving the enemy out of the country, requesting all willing to defend their country at the risque of their lives to volunteer their services, which they all did to a man. He selected 350 of the best men [and] sent the rest home, as the boats would hold no more. I was sent by land to Del[aware] Town to prevent any party penetrating by that direction. [I] went by way of Port Talbot [and] was placed under Col. Talbot's command. After remaining three days there [I] sent an express to C[olonel] Tal[bot], requesting permission to proceed on as far as practicable towards Sandwich. Accordingly, on the 15th inst., I received a discretionary order to act as I thought proper, and moved on. Most unfortunately, the day before I reached Sandwich Detroit was captured. I could hardly have met with a more serious disappointment; being the first that was sent on the expedition and having more