

SACKETT'S HARBOUR,
May 1st, 1814.

Dear Sir,

Johnson* returned from his friends in Canada this morning, he states that the Enemy cannot have to exceed 3,000 men of the Army in Kingston, from his account I am induced to believe that they have not that number. It would appear that the Battalion of the 41st that had been ordered up the Country some time since was recalled and that the 103rd arrived in Kingston about two weeks since. Johnson is positive that some troops moved from Kingston for the Upper Country about four days ago but I cannot be induced to believe from his statement that the number exceeds two or three hundred.

The Enemies new ship must I think be completed about the 10th instant. The Superior, Commodore Chauncey's new ship was launched this morning.

Very respectfully,
JAC. BROWN

Honble.

John Armstrong,
Sec'y of war.

*This was possibly William Johnson who became notorious in 1838 as "Bill Johnson, the Pirate of the Thousand Islands."

HEAD QUARTERS, SACKETT'S HARBOUR,
May 4th, 1814.

Dear Sir:

Two ships, two brigs & one schooner of the Enemies Fleet have this day appeared upon the Lake. I do not apprehend an attack upon this place. I cannot but consider an attack to be more desired than apprehended. For Oswego I am under some apprehension and have advised Colo. Mitchell accordingly.

Very respectfully,
Yours truly,
JAC. BROWN.

Honble. Sec'y of War.