

13th.—Begun a block-house at Point Levi to cover the landing of any troops I should find necessary to throw over to support that post, or to secure their retreat.

14th.—Having some intention, in my turn, to pay a visit to the enemy, if their situation should give me any hopes of doing it with success, and the sickly state of the men would permit it, reviewed this day the Grenadiers, and ordered them to be completed.

16th.—Finished the block-house begun the 13th inst.

18th.—Begun another small block-house at Point Levi.

19th.—As I found I could attempt no considerable enterprise at this time of the year, without harassing the garrison to such a degree as would render it, perhaps, unfit afterwards for further operations, I resolved to endeavour to surprise their two advanced posts; having for that purpose acquired a perfect knowledge of their situation, and the distance being too great to make out the march in one night, reinforced this last night the posts at St. Foix and Lorette with the men destined for this expedition.

20th.—This morning, at the break of day, Captain Donald McDonald surprised and attacked the post of the enemy at the Calvaire, and Captain Archbold at the village *Brulé*, with so good success that the former made seventy prisoners and the latter seventeen, without the loss of a man, only six wounded; but many were frost-bit from the coldness of the night.

21st.—The two small block-houses at Point Levi being now finished, put guards into them.

24th.—Finished cutting down the wood round the block-houses at Point Levi. Sickness continuing among the troops, was obliged to raise blankets among the country-people, upon a promise to return or pay for them on the arrival of the shipping.