

junior one was so reduced by the disease, that in visiting the sick on board the different vessels, he was unable to climb up the ship's sides, and he was hoisted in and out like a barrel of flour or a cask of water.

We now looked into the harbor of Malden, by way of returning the civilities the enemy had shown us at Erie. This kind of polite attention was repeated two or three times, until the evening of the 9th of September, when we anchored in Put-in-bay. On the following morning at sunrise, there was a cry from the mast-head, sail oh ! all hands sprang from their berths, and ere we could dress and reach the decks the cry was repeated again and again, until six sail were thus announced. Signal was made to the fleet, "Enemy in sight ! get under way !" and the hoarse voice and shrill pipe of the boatswain resounded through all the ships, "all hands up anchor !"

The wind at this time was from the Southwest, light and baffling, which prevented our weathering the island in our way, and it continued so until ten o'clock, when it veered to the Southeast, which enabled us to clear the island, and stand out upon the lake. We now discovered the English squadron, five or six miles to the leeward, hove to in a line, and equidistant about half a cable's length. The vessels were freshly painted, and with the morning sun shining upon their broadsides, and their red ensigns gently unfolding to the breeze, they made a very gallant appearance. Our squadron bore down to engage them, with the wind on our larboard quarter. They were arranged with the Chippewa, of one long eighteen pounder on a pivot ahead ; the Detroit of nineteen guns, bearing the broad pendant of the Commodore, next ; the Hunter of ten guns, the third ; the Queen Charlotte of seventeen guns, fourth ; the Lady Prevost of thirteen guns, fifth, and the Little Belt of three guns, sixth. Captain Perry immediately arranged his line of battle, with his own ship to fight the Detroit, broad pendant against broad pendant, Commodore against Commodore. Two gun-boats, the Ariel and Scorpion, ranged ahead on our larboard bow, a little out of a straight line. The Caledonia, of three long twenty-four pounders, came next, after the Lawrence, to encounter the Hunter ; the Niagara next, to fight the Queen