

PREFACE

With a few exceptions the documents printed in this publication have been transcribed from letter books formerly the property of Major General Jacob Brown of the United States Army now preserved in the Division of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. The exceptions, relating to the operations of the squadron on Lake Erie, have been transcribed from the original letters in the Navy Department, Washington. General Brown's letters to the Secretary of War, dated July 6th, and August 7th, 1814, have been printed before as official reports, but were considerably altered for obvious reasons before publication. His letter to Governor Tompkins, dated August 1, 1814, has also been printed from a copy in the Tompkins Papers from which there was an omission of some consequence. The documents entitled "Memoranda of occurrences and some important facts attending the campaign on the Niagara in 1814" was known to the historian, Charles J. Ingersoll, who printed a portion of it with some verbal changes in his "Historical Sketch of the Second War between the United States and Great Britain, Events of 1814" (pp. 100-5) as extracts from General Brown's Diary. The remainder of these papers with two exceptions, which are included to preserve continuity, it is believed, have never appeared in print before and will be found to throw considerable fresh light on the events of that campaign when read in conjunction with the official correspondence published in the first and second volumes of the "Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier in 1814" to which this may be considered as forming a supplement.

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