

Lieut. Butler returned with his party, having met with some Indian tracks which discouraged them from proceeding farther.

7th.—Assembled the commanding-officers, to inform them of my intelligence, and to let them know of my dispositions for the defence.

11th.—Took up two men who arrived but the day before from Montreal ; though they both at first denied any intention to return, yet at length one of them, who had letters directed for that place, confessed they were going back ; and from some letters intercepted, had great reason to imagine they were come to hire artificers. After being examined by some of my principal officers, ordered them to be closely confined.

12th.—Published an order this day, forbidding, on pain of death, any one to send up or receive letters from Montreal without first showing them. Forbid, also, anything to be carried out without a passport.

15th.—Both bread and meat having been brought to an excessive price, to the great detriment of both garrison and inhabitants, published a regulation for the same in French and English, fixing it at a moderate rate, and obliging the vendors to take out licenses.

16th.—It was reported to me that several shot had been stolen off the batteries ; and it was remarkable that it was especially those which fitted the French guns.

18th.—Having received information that one of the Frenchmen I had given a civil employment to, held correspondence with the enemy, and having no positive proof, banished him to the Island of Orleans.

19th.—Being informed that the boatmen of Point Levi had passed over French soldiers in disguise, ordered for the future they should, as soon as arrived, come and make a declaration of the people and goods they passed over, on pain of being severely punished.