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## *THE BATTLE OF STONY CREEK.*

[6TH JUNE, 1813.]

The story of this remarkable action has been told with more or less fullness by various historians of the War of 1812. Its importance, however, can scarcely be overrated. Indeed, a careful military critic, General John Watts de Peyster, of New York, says in one of his works, that he "regards the encounter of Colonel Sir John Harvey at Stony Creek, on the night of the 5th of June, 1813, as the most decisive engagement of the whole War of 1812-15." That affairs on the Niagara frontier were in a most critical state for Canada at that date, does not admit of a doubt. Our own historians do not attempt to conceal how serious it was and give fairly accurate accounts of affairs, but it would be an amusing task to compare the following documents (copied from the originals), with Lossing's account of this important engagement in his "Field Book of the