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Saturday, 28th.—Were now waiting for the rear of our little detachment to come up, in order to all proceed from this together. Last night imagined that a smoke was discovered to the westward of us, in consequence of which a scouting party were ordered out for examination, but no discovery could be made of any enemy. A letter per express from General Arnold, at 4 o'clock, P. M., requesting as speedy a procedure as possible. That one of his expresses had returned (Tackquith;) from the Canadian inhabitants informing of their amicable disposition towards us, that he had received their pledge of friendship in a loaf of bread, &c. By this time our men were all arrived, embodied, and the glad tidings promulgated among them, to the unspeakable joy of the whole camp. In consequence of this news, we were ordered to be in motion immediately. The provisions were ordered into one fund, in order that every man might be acquainted with what he had to depend upon to carry him into the inhabitants, computed at about a hundred miles. Upon a division of the provisions there five pints per man. Pork, though the only meat, was not properly divisible, as the whole amount would not have been an ounce per man. The officers in general were generous enough to dispense with [it] for the better satisfaction and encouragement of the soldiers. Decamped this evening and marched a mile and a half.

Sunday, 29th.—Not less than 14 days had our detachment been upon half allowance ere yesterday's division took place. That