

December 20th.—The winter is become almost insupportably cold. The men are notwithstanding obliged to drag all the wood used in the Garrison on sledges from St. Foy, about four miles distance. This is a very severe duty; the poor fellows do it however with great spirit, tho' several of them have already lost the use of their fingers and toes by the incredible severity of the frost, and the country people tell us it is not yet at the worst. Some men on sentry have been deprived of speech and sensation in a few minutes, but hitherto, no person has lost his life, as care is taken to relieve them every half hour or oftener when the weather is very severe. The Garrison in general are but indifferently clothed, but our regiment in particular is in a pitiful situation having no breeches, and the Philibeg is not all calculated for this terrible climate. Colonel Fraser is doing all in his power to provide trowsers for them, and we hope soon to be on a footing with other Regiments in that respect.

January, 1760.—Nothing remarkable during this month. The duty is very severe on the poor men; we mount every day a guard of about one hundred men, and the whole off duty with a subaltern officer from each Regiment are employed in dragging fire wood; tho' the weather is such that they are obliged to have all covered but their eyes, and nothing but the last necessity obliged any men to go out of doors.

January 16th. I went on command to Lorette, one of the out-posts established in November. The French have a post at St. Augustin, about three miles distant, I returned 30th January, nothing extraordinary while at Lorette, a few deserters came into us from the French posts.

About the 5th or 6th February the River St. Lawrence was quite frozen over at Quebec. We are told there is an officer's and french party of about two hundred men at Point Levy.

On the 13th February, 1760. The Light Infantry and two hundred men from the Battalions were sent over to drive the French from Point Levy. They opposed the landing at