

from our enemies in Montreal, of this reinforcement, had retreated precipitately to Fort St. Anne's, at the southern extremity of the Island of Montreal, and from thence had crossed over to *Quinze Chiens*, on the north side of the St. Lawrence.

29th. We left Montreal this day at three o'clock,* to go to Chamblay, to be present at a council of war of the generals and field-officers, for concerting the operations of the campaign.

30th. The council of war was held this day, and determined to maintain possession of the country between the St. Lawrence and Sorel, if possible;—in the meantime to dispose matters so as to make an orderly retreat out of Canada.

31st. Set off from Chamblay for St. John's;—all things there in confusion:—slept at Mrs. Donaho's.

regard to persons or things. General Wooster is, in our opinion, unfit—totally unfit—to command your army and conduct the war. We have, hitherto, prevailed on him to remain in Montreal. His stay in this colony is unnecessary, and even prejudicial to our affairs. We would therefore humbly advise his recall.”—*MS. letter in the State department at Washington*. It will be published by Mr. Force in the sixth volume of the American Archives, (the proof-sheets of which I have seen,) at p. 589.

Wooster requested an inquiry into his conduct as commander of the forces in Canada. The matter was referred by congress to a committee, which, upon full investigation, declared that nothing censurable appeared against him.—See *Journals of Congress*, August 27th, 1776. He resigned his commission in the continental army, and was appointed first major-general of the Connecticut militia.—See *Sparks's Life and Writings of Washington*, vol. iii, p. 412, in note.

Wooster was killed in 1777, in a spirited action between the Connecticut troops and the English force under Governor Tryon, near Danbury.

* See letter from the Commissioners to Congress, dated 27 May, 1776, in the sixth volume of American Archives, p. 590. This is their last letter from Canada, and is very valuable, as containing a pretty full report of the state of affairs in that province, and the condition of the army. It has been freely extracted from the introductory memoir.