

Niagara, giving him Intelligence of the Vessels.

“ On the 12th, the French Vessels appeared off the Harbour; and as I expected the two Snows hourly from Niagara, I sent out some Batteaus towards that Place, to induce the Enemy's Vessels to try to intercept them, but they stood towards Catarqui.

“ The 14th, in the Evening, our two Vessels appeared: I put every Thing on Board that could be wanted, and ordered them away to the River St. Lawrence, in Hopes of cutting off the Enemy's Vessels from their Harbour. Our Vessels are the Mondaga and Mohawk; the first carrying four 9 Ponders, fourteen 6 Ponders, and 100 Seamen: The other, carrying sixteen 6 Ponders, and 90 Seamen. They failed in Quest of the Enemy's Vessels, who appeared off of Oswego again on the 20th; and with the Precautions I had taken, in sending a Detachment forward, and giving Intelligence to Capt. Loring, I was in Hopes he could not have missed them; but they escaped him.

“ On the 23d, Sir William Johnson arrived with a great Part of the Indians; the Troops came in daily from Albany.

“ The 25, I had the Honour of receiving your Letter of the 29th of April by Capt. Abercrombie; and, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, I have given out the Orders, as inclosed, to all the Troops in North America.

“ On the 31st, Abercrombie's Regiment, with the Detachment of Gage's and New Yorker, which I had sent to Presqu' Isle, arrived.

“ The 1st of August, I received a Letter from Colonel Montgomery, with an Account of his Success, in attacking and beating the Cherokee Indians, and destroying their Towns: The greatest Stroke the Indians have felt.

“ The 6th in the Afternoon, Murray's Regiment arrived; and the next Morning I detached Colonel Haldimand with the Light Infantry of the Army, Grenadiers, and One Battalion of Royal Highlanders, to take Post at the Bottom of the Lake, and assist the Vessels, in finding a Passage to La Galette.

“ The 8th and 9th, Schuyler's Regiment arrived; and on the 10th, at Day break, I ordered the whole Army to embark. The preparing the Batteaus was not quite completed, so that I proceeded with the Regulars, and left Brigadier General Gage to bring up the Provincials and the Rear; and, as the sixth Row-galley was not finished, I left it behind.

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“ I inclose to you, Sir, the Embarkation, Return, and the Number of Whale Boats and Batteaus, with which I proceeded on the Lake; and although some were lost and saved, I had the good Fortune to have only one Man drowned. The Night of the Day I set out from Oswego, proved so very bad, that I was lucky in not losing many more Batteaus. Brigadier General Gage left Oswego the next Morning, and joined me the third Day.

“ On the 15th, I passed our two Vessels that were got out of the right Channel, and could not get down, notwithstanding I had given the best Pilots I could procure. The same Day I joined Colonel Haldimand's advanced Corps, and had Intelligence by an Oswegatchie Indian, that One of the Enemy's Vessels had run around, and was so much damaged, she could not sail from the Point; and that the other Vessel lay off La Galette. I determined not to wait for our Vessels, and fixed a Hawtizer on Board one Row-galley; the other Four having Twelve Ponders to attack the Vessel with.

“ On the 16th, tho' I had made no Halt, from the Time I had left Oswego, I thought proper, from the Report I had received, of the Situation of the Enemy's Ships, not to lose a Moment, but proceed down the River to Oswegatchie, and to attack their Post at Isle Royale: The advanced Guard, consisting of the Rangers, Gage's, Light Infantry of Regiments, and Grenadiers, with five Row-galleys, under the Command of Colonel Grant. It was very late in the Day, when I reached the Point de Baril with the advanced Guard; and I sent back to Brigadier General Gage, to land on the North Shore, in case he could not reach the Point de Baril. Soon after, we discovered the French Vessel, and it was impossible not to push on to try to attack her, as it was a Calm. She fired her Signal Guns, on seeing the advanced Guard. Night coming on so fast, that it was impracticable to attack her, and then I ordered the advanced Guard to row into the South Shore; and the Army, late at Night, reached the Point de Baril.

“ The 17th, at Day-break, the Enemy's Vessel made an Attempt to sail up the River; Colonel Williamson attacked her with the five Row galleys; the Wind became calm, which favoured much; the Row-galleys could not do better than they did; they fired one Hundred and eighteen Rounds: The Vessel fired Seventy-two; had three Men killed, twelve wounded, and then struck. A Serjeant of Artillery was killed on Board one of the Row galleys; and a New York Provincial lost his Leg. The

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