

time the place was beset by the enemy the said Deponent asked Mr. Allan Superintendent of the Eastern Indians to take his arms and head the Indians he immediately Replied that he had not taken up arms as yet and did not Desire to and further saith not.

JONATHAN EDDY."

"Suffolk, ss. July 7, 1779. Then Jonathan Eddy personally appeared and made oath to the truth of the above declaration before me.

JOSEPH GREENLEAF, Justice peace."

As there has been some controversy as to who was in command at Machias, I here insert a communication printed in the Machias (Me.) Republican, April 7, 1877, which covers the whole ground:

COL. JONATHAN EDDY.

*To the Editor of the Republican:*

I have your paper of Jan. 6, 1877, containing an interesting reply to my article of Nov. 25th, 1876, by George H. Allan, Esq., of Boston. I have delayed an answer in the hope that I might be able to examine some papers in the Archives of Massachusetts, which bear materially on the case, but that at present I cannot do. I honor my friend Allan for the jealous care with which he guards the reputation of his noble and patriotic ancestor, Col. John Allan, who was, up to the period we write of, Superintendent of the Eastern Indians. I have no controversy with him—I only wish to bring out the facts. One good will come out of this, and that is, that the old town of Machias will stand some chance to get its due in the history of the country.

Was Col. Jonathan Eddy in command at the battle of Machias in August, 1777? I affirm that he was, for the following reasons, and I will re-state them as briefly as I can, with such additions as I may have at hand. Col. Eddy was at Machias at the time with a Regimental organization, officers, soldiers and supplies, on his way to St. John's river and Nova Scotia with another expedition. I know not how