

corps from Cape Rouge, consisting of 2000 men, appeared in our rear. I advanced two pieces of artillery, and two battalions towards him, when he immediately retired. You will not, I hope, sir, blame me for not quitting such advantageous ground, and risking the fate of so decisive a day, by seeking a fresh enemy, posted perhaps in the very kind of ground he could wish for, viz. woods and swamps. We took a great number of French officers upon the field of battle, and one piece of cannon. Their loss is computed to be about 1500 men, which fell chiefly on their regulars. I have been employed, from the day of action to that of the capitulation, in redoubting our camp beyond insult, in making a road up the precipice for our cannon, in getting up artillery, preparing the batteries, and cutting off the enemy's communication with the country. The 17th, at noon, before we had any battery erected, or could have any for two or three days, a flag of truce came out with proposals of capitulation, which I sent back again to the town, allowing them four hours to capitulate, or no farther treaty. The admiral had, at this time, brought up his large ships, as intending to attack the town. The French officer returned at night with terms of capitulation; which, with the admiral, were considered, agreed to, and signed at eight o'clock in the morning of the 18th instant. The terms granted will, I flatter myself, be approved of by his majesty, considering the enemy were assembling in our rear, and, what is far more formidable, the very wet and cold season, which threatened our troops with sickness, and the fleet with some accident; our roads were already so bad, that we could not bring up a gun for some time; add to this, the advantage of entering the town with the walls in a defensible state, and thence being able to put there a garrison sufficiently strong to prevent a surprise. These, I hope, will be deemed sufficient considerations for granting them the terms which I have herewith the honour to transmit. The inhabitants of the country come in to us fast, bringing in their arms, and taking the oaths of fidelity, until a general peace determines their situation.

I have the honour to enclose herewith, a list of the killed and wounded; a list of the prisoners, as perfect as I have as yet been able to procure it; a list of the artillery and stores in the town, as well as of those fallen into our hands at Beauport in consequence of