

would permit us to fortify; began also to send over the timber for the two block-houses at Point Levi; begun also to repair the flat-bottomed boats.

5th.—As it appeared that in all the grants made to the inhabitants, right was ever reserved of such wood as was necessary for the King's service, to facilitate the people's making fascines, impowered them this day, by an ordinance, to take it wherever it was most convenient for their purpose. This day great part of the ice went off, and the river was not passable; in the evening it froze hard again. Finding that it would become very difficult for me now to support the post at Point Levi, I recalled from thence the captain and part of the detachment, leaving only as many as would protect the provisions and the block-house that was constructing.

6th.—In the evening, received intelligence that the party which had crossed over from St. Nicholas had now passed through the woods and taken post at St. Michel, two leagues below Point Levi.

7th.—Began to put up the block-house at Point Levi.

9th.—The sickness still on the increase, notwithstanding every measure was taken to prevent it spreading; and the cause being manifestly the scurvy, gave orders this day about the method of boiling and preparing the salt pork, it being impossible to procure fresh provisions or vegetables.

10th.—The large block-house at Point Levi being finished, a guard was this day put into it, and two guns mounted therein. A French officer came this day again to the advanced post with a letter from Mons. Vaudreuil.

11th.—Last night and this day, several deserters came in, being mostly of the colony troops, and some of Languedoc. Returned an answer to the letter I received yesterday, and sent Captain McDonald with it.