

A large number of the Americans living on the opposite side of the St. Lawrence, took the part of the patriots from the first, and did every thing they could to give them assistance; they subscribed money, furnished arms, and took their parts in their various newspapers; and now they, under pretence of using it as a passage-boat, engaged a small steamer named the Caroline, which they put into service to carry provisions to the rebels.

Our commander had observed this with a good deal of chagrin, and determined to put a stop to it; he, therefore, commissioned a party of the bravest of our soldiers and sailors to attempt the capture of the Caroline.

This was performed with great adroitness. Three boats were manned, which in the night were ordered to drop down gently with the stream till they reached the steamer. This was done so gently that although there were a great number of people on board, nobody had the