

the Oswegatchie. Fort de Levi surrendered on the 21st day of August, seven days after the commencement of the siege; and General Amherst continued his voyage down the stream, carrying his forces against Montréal.

It happened, that in this voyage, one of the few fatal accidents, which are remembered to have occurred; in that dangerous part of the river, below Lake Saint-François, called the Rapides des Cédres, befel the British army. Several boats, loaded with provisions and military stores, were lost, together with upward of a hundred men. I had three boats, loaded with merchandize, all of which were lost; and I saved my life, only by gaining the bottom of one of my boats, which lay among the rocky shelves, and on which I continued for some hours, and until I was kindly taken off, by one of the general's aides-de-camp.

The surrender of Montréal, and, with it, the surrender of all Canada, followed that of Fort de Levi, at only the short interval of three days; and, proposing to avail myself of the new market, which was thus thrown open to British adventure, I hastened to Albany, where my commercial connections were, and where I procured a quantity of goods, with which I sat out, intending to carry them to Montréal. For this, however, the winter was too near approached; I was able only to return to Fort