

my reasons for so doing, as the enemy's endeavours to dispossess us of this post more than ever pointed out to us the utility of it. I reconnoitred the ground, in order to fix some spot on which to erect a fort the ensuing campaign ; and in the meantime, resolved to erect two block-houses, in order to command the high-road and landing-places—one of them to be a large one, and two pieces of cannon to be put into it.

*27th.*—As we had got a pretty considerable quantity of wood in town, I ordered what was cut on the Island of Orleans to be piled up at the Point, in order to serve for our summer's provision. At night, a French officer brought a packet to the advanced post of Lorette.

*29th.*—The men growing sickly ; to ease the duty, took off some of the guards, and ordered a quantity of ginger to be delivered out to the several regiments, to be mixed with the men's water, to correct it. Answered Monsieur de Vaudreuil's letter, and sent with it Capt. Donald McDonald, of the Highlanders, that he might have an opportunity to take a view of the posts.

MARCH *2nd.*—Received intelligence that the detachment had crossed over from Point-au-Tremble to St. Nicholas, consisting of thirty soldiers, thirty Canadians, and the same number of Indians.

*3rd.*—Ordered the wells to be shut up, as the water was reported to be unwholesome. This day, two young New-Englanders, who had been taken up by the Indians some years ago, were, in consequence of my orders, brought to this town by the Acadian woman who had redeemed them, for which I gave her a handsome reward. As I was determined to fortify the heights of Abraham, ordered a detachment, under proper officers, to be selected, in order to cut fascines and piquets for that purpose ; likewise, sent an order to the adjacent parishes to make 10,000 fascines and 40,000 piquets, in order to be ready to fall to work as soon as the season