

No doubt was entertained of at least partial success. He confidently anticipated being able to secure a foothold in Canada where he could establish his army in winter quarters and prepare for an early campaign next year. The primary object of the invasion was simply described as being to expel the British from Queenston and obtain a shelter from the inclemency of the weather. More than eight thousand troops were assembled under his command, of whom about half were regulars. Three hundred artillery and eight hundred regular infantry occupied Fort Niagara, and nine hundred regular soldiers and 2,270 New York militia were encamped near Lewiston. At Buffalo, General Smyth had 1,650 regular troops, three hundred and eighty-six detached militia, two hundred and fifty sailors, and four hundred Indians, besides the local militia. The advance-guard of the Pennsylvania brigade of two thousand men had also arrived at Buffalo, and the remainder was within easy march of that place. Many batteaux and flat-bottomed boats were in readiness at Black Rock, Tonawanda, and Gill's Creek above the Falls, and at Lewiston and Four Mile Creek below, and a sufficient number could be collected at any given point in a few hours to carry over a thousand men. His train of field artillery was large and well equipped.

To resist this formidable army, Brock had fifteen companies of regular infantry, which may have mustered sixty rank and file each; two officers and thirty men of the Royal artillery, with five field guns; a troop of militia drivers, and a troop of Provincial Cavalry, besides the flank companies of the five Lincoln and two York battalions of militia. The fourteen flank companies probably did not average more than thirty-five officers and men each, or less than five hundred in all. The muster rolls of the five Lincoln battalions show a total of nearly two thousand men, but these were scattered over the twenty townships then composing the county, comprising the entire peninsula from Burlington Bay to the mouth of Grand river. Perhaps five hundred of these could be readily assembled at a few hours' notice. Most of the Indians had dispersed to their hunting-grounds. The exigencies of the transport service on the lakes had obliged the British general to send