

Inclosure 6 in No. 30.

Deposition of Mr. Varnum, in relation to the movements of British troops within the disputed territory.

HAVING just returned from Temiscouata Lake, where I have been on private business, and being requested by the Governor to communicate such facts as have fallen under my observation while there, I depose and say, That the Provincial Authorities have the past season erected extensive military works at the head of the lake, and others near the foot of the lake, beside the Madawaska River, that are just completed. The erections at this last station consist of barracks sufficient for some 400 men and a store-house, in charge of eight men. At the head of the lake there are some eight or ten buildings, two of which are large, two stories high, and furnishing quarters for some 200 to 600 men. A stockade of timbers, to inclose these works, has been commenced, two or three hundred feet of which as I should judge has been completed. A road connecting these parts has been constructed the past season, a distance of about sixteen miles. I was at the stations above referred to in May last. At the post at the foot of the lake there were then no barracks and no men. At the other there were some French labourers, just commencing the post, but no soldiers had then arrived, but now about 200 soldiers, as I was informed when there, and I should judge there was that number from the appearance of the camp, are stationed at this place under the command of a Major Chambry.

Augusta, February 11, 1840.

(Signed) P. VARNUM.

Kennebec ss. February 11, 1840.

THEN the abovenamed Phiness Varnum made oath that this deposition by him subscribed is true.

Before me

(Signed)

ALPHEUS LYON,

Justice of the Peace

STATE OF MAINE.

Secretary's Office, Augusta, February 12, 1840.

I HEREBY certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original deposited in this office.

Attest:

(Signed)

PHILIP C. JOHNSON,

Secretary of State.

Inclosure 7 in No. 30.

Deposition of Mr. Mark Little.

I, MARK LITTLE, of Bangor, in the State of Maine, depose and say, That, in October last, I was at the Temiscouata Lake in what is called the disputed territory, having been sent there upon public business by Charles Jarvis, Esq., Provisional Land Agent for the State of Maine. At the head of the lake, upon the westerly side, there was then stationed a part of one company of British troops, say not exceeding twenty-five in number. They had been at that place, as I was then and there informed, since the month of June preceding; they had apparently a year's supply of provisions for two hundred men. I learned from them that they were the first that had ever been stationed there, and that their force was to be increased to two hundred men. They had among other officers, a surgeon, commissary, and barrack-master. They had then erected two buildings of timber for barracks, each eighty feet long by thirty feet wide, and two stories high; one building for officers' quarters, and one for the commissary department, besides a number of smaller ones. They had also built four gun-boats for the navigation of the lake, each capable of holding from twenty to thirty men.