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D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 1st September, 1812.

The 41st Regiment will take the whole of the garrison duties until further orders.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 2nd September, 1812.

The Detachment of the 49th Regiment on board the *Roanoke* and *Earl Moira*, under the command of Major Plendergh will disembark this forenoon and until further orders will occupy the council house and store at Navy Hall.

By order,
(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

Heads of Departments and Officers commanding corps will attend at the Government House at 11 o'clock this day.

By order,
(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 3rd September, 1812.

No. 1. Captain Chambers, of the 41st Regiment, will resume the command of the second division stationed at Queenston on Monday, 7th inst.

Captain Saunders will immediately afterwards join part of the 41st Regiment stationed at Fort George.

2. 'Civilians and aliens taken upon suspicion, or for having committed offences liable to military cognizance, are to be brought to Fort Major Kemble to whom every necessary information concerning them is to be given, and he will report their cases without delay to the officer commanding that he may receive his further directions thereon.

3. Hospital Mate Steel will proceed and do duty with division stationed at Fort Erie and Acting Surgeon Moore, 4

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ent, will on Mr. Steel's arrival proceed to join the division of his regiment at Fort George.

Acting Staff-Surgeon Thom will give any further necessary directions to these officers.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 4th September, 1812.

No. 1. The Detachment of the 49th Regiment, will take their share of the garrison duties at Fort George, agreeable to strength.

2. An intelligent person from heads of Departments, Corps and Detachments will attend every day at 2 o'clock at the order-room in the Fort for the purpose of receiving orders.

Captain Vigereaux will be pleased to order a person in attendance at the hour pointed out in the D.G.O. of the 5th ultimo to receive the men and point the fatigues, for the performance of which the party is furnished.

By order,
(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 5th Sept., 1812.

An intention of renewing hostilities having been declared by General commanding the forces of the United States, the hostilities will terminate at noon on the 8th inst; after which most active operations may be expected on the part, of the Army, to counteract which, the utmost vigilance and activity will be requisite and are confidently expected.

Commanders of Corps by personal inspection will immediately ascertain the state of their arms, accoutrements and equipment in general, and whatever may be requisite to put them in a fit state for active service it is to be provided with all possible expedition.

Returns of the ammunition in the possession of each 4
and requisitions for such articles as they may want fro
of the departments are to be sent to Headquarters without del

The Major-General will inspect the part of the 41st
ment stationed at Fort George at 3 o'clock to-morrow afterno
in marching order, after which he will inspect the flank c
panies of the 49th Regiment in similar order. He also proposes
inspecting the Corps of Militia and other troops of the line i
the district, the periods for which will hereafter be notified.

By order,

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B.M.

D. G. O.

FORT GEORGE, 4th Sept., 1812.

It having fallen under the observation of Major-General
Brock that a considerable portion of the men of the Newfound
land Regiment doing duty on board the vessel of war on Lake
Ontario, are by no means calculated for that service, it is his
order that Colonel Vincent maybe pleased to take the earliest
opportunity of selecting from that corps in the district under
his command such men as appear the most efficient for the per-
formance of that important duty, as well as from their bodily
strength, as from the knowledge of the particular service in
which they are to be employed. Lieutenant King, Deputy As-
sistant Quartermaster General at Kingston; will, with officers
commanding the vessels, make a minute inspection of the men
now on board them, and report thereon to 'Colonel Vincent,
furnishing him with the names and companies of those whom
they consider as unfit for their present situations, in order that
they may be exchanged for those more effective.

Major-General Brock having observed that the system of
discipline amongst the men of the Newfoundland Regiment
on board the vessels of war on Lake Ontario is extremely
relaxed and irregular, he calls upon the officers to use their

t exertions to render them perfectly effective, and by
own personal efforts and example to support the Officers
the Marine in establishing that energy and zeal on board
several vessels, which can alone ensure success against the
moments of trial.

The Major-General, having witnessed the
most shameful blasphemy on board the vessels without it
being noticed by the officers, he desires that those of the New-
foundland Regiment and of the Marine do use their best en-
deavqrs to put a stop to so disgraceful a practice; and he is
pleased to order that Divine Service be regularly performed
by an officer on board each vessel every Sunday.

(Note on margin states that " This D.G.O. is by Major-
General Sheaffe. ")

By order,

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 7th Sept., 1812.

All officers and soldiers belonging to the different corps
stationed at Fort George not employed on other duties are di-
rected to attend the works going on in the Garrison until they
411 be completed.

THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 8th Sept., 1812.

Captain Williams, of the 49th Regiment, with the light
company under his command, will march from Chippewa to-
morrow morning at daylight for the camp at Queenston, where
be will be stationed till further orders. Captain Chambers
with the whole of the detachment of the 41st Regiment will
from Queenston to Chippewa at 3 o'clock to-morrow
Captain Bullock will select sixty men of the 41st
lieutenant and order them to march early to-morrow in charge

of a subaltern to the head of Navy Island ; application made to Deputy Assistant Quartermaster Fowler for orders for this Detachment.

Major Plenderleath is appointed to command the whole of the forces from Browns on this side Queenston to the troops at both of these posts included.

Captain Chambers on his arrival at Chippawa, will, he proceeds to the head of Navy Island and assume the command of the troops stationed at that post.

By order,

(Signed) Thos. Evans, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 8th Sept., 1812.

Major-General Brock was disposed to view the Armistice as the forerunner of a restoration of peace and amity with the United States, the pretext on which their declaration of war was chiefly founded having been removed by the British Government and an opening offered by it to an adjustment of all differences of minor importance between the two countries; but, in vain has Great Britain thus held out the hand of conciliation it has been rejected. The President of the United States having thought fit to direct their troops to resort again to active warfare and what motive can now exist for his authorizing a renewal of hostilities at the time too (as is confidently asserted) that he has sent an ambassador to treat for peace. Is it to facilitate its attainment, that he, by his own voluntary places two countries in a situation to inflict mutually the horrors of war, thereby to have their minds more embittered towards each other; perhaps he may imagine that by conquest on the side of Canada he can indemnify the United States, for the loss to which they are exposed on the Atlantic side from the superiority of the naval power of Great Britain, and that with a proportion of her Provinces in their possession more favorable

would be obtained for negotiating for peace. **But the** f the Province have too just and manly a sense of what we owe to their own personal dignity and independence to be disposed of at the will of the Chief Magistrate of any country, they will not sink to the degradation of being a weight to be thrown by his hand into the scale. baseness belongs not to them, they have already offered to Id an instance of what can be effected by the aid of their and valour, and Major-General Brock relies with confidence on their continued exertion of those ennobling qualities creating any designs on this Province, and for contributing less honorably for themselves than useful to their families to their King and country towards bringing the contest, in which the implacable enmity of the American Government has engaged us to a favorable issue.

By order,

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B.M.

FORT GEORGE, 9th Sept., 1812.

D.G.O. Captain Saunders is substituted for Captain Chambers in command of the forces stationed at the head of Navy Island as expressed in D. G. O. of 8th September and will proceed to Queenston without delay. Captain Chambers will return to his headquarters at Fort George.

His Honor the President has been pleased to confer the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on Major Plenderleath, 49th Regiment, in recognition of the local service on which he is employed.

By order,

(Signed) Thos. Evans, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 9th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The detachment of the York Militia under the command of Capt. Cameron, will march forthwith to Brown's Point where quarters are prepared for their reception, the

Deputy Commissary General will be pleased to furnish waggons for the conveyance of their baggage.

2. The Deputy Commissary General will give directions that the whole of the scarlet and other cloth for military purposes and all military appointments in the possession of the Commissariat now in store in York may be brought over to Fort George by the first opportunity.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 11th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. Major-General Gordon and Mr. Conductor Brown of the Field Train Department, will be allowed forage for horse each on furnishing the usual certificate.

2. The attention of heads of departments and officers commanding Corps, is called to the D.G.O. No. 4 of the 22nd July.

3. Commanding Officers of Corps, Detachments, etc., directed to adopt every possible precaution for turning out men at a moment's warning, either by night or day; for purpose it is essentially necessary that each man's arms and appointments should be so arranged that in case of alarm they might know where to seize on them in an instant. It is also of the utmost importance that the officers of the militia generally should satisfy themselves that the arms of the men are at all times in good and efficient order.

4. One subaltern, one sergeant, one corporal and two privates from the Militia stationed at Fort George to be furnished a guard over the Batteaux at two mile Creek, their duty will be to furnish sentries and patrols for the protection of the Batteaux and coast during the night.

By order, (Signed) THOS. EVANS,

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 13th Sept.,

1812.

Lieutenant-Colonel Short and Lieutenant Taylor, 41st Regiment, with the detachments of the 41st and 49th Regiments

ordered, will embark on board the *Earl of Moira* this day 10 o'clock, the Darlington Company of Militia, stationed at Point, will march so as to arrive at Fort George to get the same time; the necessary boats will be furnished to the Quartermaster General's Department.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

FORT GEORGE, 14th Sept., 1812.

Appointments in the Commissariat from 25th June; Mr. Jacob Natharvit to be storekeeper at Queenston at 4s. per day.

Edward Hartney to be clerk at York at 5s. per day, Chas.

Benin to be issuer at Fort George at 2s. 6d. per day.

Whenever a corps or detachment is ordered to march from one station to another or to embark or disembark within the limits of the upper Province the officers commanding such corps or detachment will immediately transmit to Lieutenant-Colonel Myers, the Deputy Quartermaster-General and to the Brigade Major, an exact return of the number to move agreeable to such order.

Mr. Augustus Thompson is attached to the 49th Regiment as a volunteer and will do duty with the detachment of that Regiment stationed at Fort George.

Mr. 8. Jarvis is attached to the 49th Regiment as a volunteer and will do duty with the detachment stationed at Queenston.

DePartments, staff and other officers of the line stationed within the limits of the upper Province and entitled to forage passes, will transmit returns for the same to the 24th Regiment at Fort George, addressed to Lieutenant-Colonel Myers, Deputy Quartermaster-General, and will henceforth continue to do so at the regular periods until further orders.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 16th Sept., 1812,

No. 1. The detachments of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, arrived in the *Royal George*, will disembark delay ; the Deputy Quartermaster General will furnish the for this service, and will fix a spot for their encampment landed.

2. In cases of alarm a blue pennant will be hoisted on the flag staff at Fort George, and a field gun fired from of the batteries ; if by night a lanthorn and a gun, on which ing done, every officer in command will repair to his post be ready with the men to act according to circumstances and the orders which they shall receive from their superior o Captain Holcroft, of the Royal Artillery, will be pleased give such directions as in his judgment will ensure most p attention to the making of the above signals when necessary.

By order,

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 17th Sept., 1812.

The detachment of the 10th R. V. B.,* arrived from Kingston, will march this morning for Chippewa and will proceed to-morrow morning for Fort Erie, where they will embark on board the *Queen Charlotte*, the Deputy Quartermaster General will provide the requisite means for the conveyance of their baggage, etc.

Major-General Sheaffe will inspect the detachment of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at 3 o'clock this day, in march" ing order, at the garrison at Fort George.

By order,

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B. Major.

* 10th R.V.B. Royal Veterans Battalion.

FORT GEORGE, 18th Sept., 1812.

1. An arrangement having been entered into between General Brock and Major-General Van Rosselear (Van laer), commanding the American forces stationed on Niagara Frontier for the mutual prevention of so unmilitary degrading a practice as that of individuals indiscriminat- firing across the river without orders:—

The Major-General henceforth positively forbids a continuation of such practices, and calls upon officers in command of posts to give directions to every individual under their or- that no one can plead ignorance of the Major-General's tions and instructions on this head. The officers in charge the Indian Department will take every pains to explain and pent the Indians from a commission of this wanton practice.

2. The detachment of the Royal Newfoundland, stationed at Fort George, will take their proportion of the duty and fatigues of the garrison; an effective return of their strength will be sent to the Brigade Majors this evening and an intelligent person will attend at the orderly room in the garrison every evening at 2 o'clock for the purpose of receiving orders.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

X.D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 20th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The Grenadier Company of the 49th Regiment will hold itself in readiness to march in an hour's notice for Queen- don, where it will remain under orders of Lieut.-Col. Plender- itth.

2. Sixty men of the 41st Regiment under the direction of ut. Bullock will march for Chippewa, and on their arrival at that place Captain Bullock will be pleased to strengthen the detachment stationed at the head of Navy Island under. Captain tindens, with 20 additional men from the 41st Regiment.

3. Captain Selby's company of York Militia will hold itself

in immediate readiness to march to Brown's Point* Deputy Quartermaster-General will be pleased to signify the route of march and point out the quarters to be occupied by the above detachment, the Commissariat will provide the necessary conveyance for the baggage.

4. A Board of Survey to assemble at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Barrack Master's quarters for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of damage done to barrack articles.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 20th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The Major-General Commanding most earnestly calls the attention of the officers in command of divisions, and that of the officers in general, to the state of the men's arms, ammunition, and appointment under their immediate superintendence as he expects every soldier, whether of the line or militia, will be at all times in the most efficient state in every essential particular, and every way prepared to meet an enemy's attack should he venture to make it.

2. The Major-General trusts that the officers in charge of the different divisions use their best exertions in forwarding the drill of the several detachments of militia placed under their orders, and that the non-commissioned officers and selected by them from the line for this important duty are well qualified to give the instruction required.

3. It is expected that officers in command of companies both of the line and militia are provided with orderly books, and that the orders are regularly read to the men, in conformity to No. 3 of the D. G. O. of the 31st July.

The Major-General cannot too strongly impress on the minds of the several commanders the necessity of their attention to punctuality in this part of their duty.

*Probably near Stamford, where the road branched toward the Falls passing Brown's at an angle. Barracks not far distant covered the road leading to interior.

The Major-General acknowledges with thanks the willing contribution which that portion of the troops stationed at Fort George have made by their exertions to the accomplishment of the present works established there, and directs that as small a number as possible may be furnished in their stead, in order that the militia last joined may have a big opportunity of perfecting themselves in their drill.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

FORT GEORGE, 22nd Sept., 1812.

D.G.O.

The Major-General Commanding returns his particular thanks to the militia for the handsome manner in which they have on all occasions volunteered their services for duties of fatigue, and is pleased to direct that for the present, service for such duty shall be dispensed with.

No. 2. Colonel Claus will give the necessary directions for the hour and place of drill for the militia, and Sergts. Lyons, of the 41st Regiment, and Thomas, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, will attend as instructors at the hours pointed out by Colonel Otis; the 41st will also furnish a second non-commissioned officer capable of instructing the men for this particular duty.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 25th Sept., 1812:

No. 1. Major Merritt will be pleased to furnish daily an orderly dragoon to be at the Brigade Major's office by 12 o'clock each day for the transmission of orders, etc. Heads of departments, officers in command of corps and others having business on the public service to forward to any part of the line next this post and Fort Erie, and to Amherstburg and Detroit will send to the Brigade Major's office any time before half past 11 o'clock. Officers in command of divisions and posts

stationed along the line will avail themselves of this orderly express to forward their communications to headquarters.

No. 2. Until further orders the tattoo will beat at 8 o'clock in the evening.

By order,

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 27th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The Major-General having observed great deficiencies in the ammunition issued generally to the troops of the militia, he cannot too strongly impress on the minds of the officers commanding divisions the necessity of their explaining to the men under their orders, that at a period like the present a greater military offence cannot possibly be committed than a careless negligence or wilful waste of any ammunition that may be delivered out to them for the use of the public service.

2. Whenever cartridges may be injured by wet or otherwise the balls of such cartridges will be carefully preserved and sent in with an account of their number to the ordnance storekeeper, who will give a receipt for the same.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 29th Sept., 1812.

Until further orders the Grand Rounds will go their rounds betwixt the hours of 10 and 2 o'clock, and the visiting rounds betwixt 2 and 5 in the morning.

By order,

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 30th Sept., 1812.

A! subaltern and 30 privates, with a due proportion of non-commissioned officers of the 41st Regiment, will march this day, immediately after the men have dined, for Chippewa. On

the arrival of this detachment at Chippewa Captain Bullock will detach one subaltern, 2 sergts., and 40 rank and file of the 41st Regiment to Millers,* where they will receive their further orders from Major-General Shaw. The Deputy Quartermaster General will be pleased to have the necessary conveyance prepared for the carriage of the baggage of this detachment.

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B.M.

1/O.O. FORT GEORGE, 16th Oct., 1812.

The Major-General Commanding forbids the practice of individuals firing in the swamp, or in any other place within the limits and neighborhood of the garrison.

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 2nd Oct., 1812.

No. 1. Major-General Sheaffe, having noticed in the reports frequent inattention of the visiting rounds in not visiting the different batteries established at the head of the lake, he trusts that in future they will be more exact in their performance of this essential part of their duty.

2. Until further orders one third of the troops off duty will sleep in their clothes fully accoutered and ready to turn out at st moment's notice.

(Signed) Thos. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 5th Oct., 1812.

Quartermaster-sergeant Pointer, of the 49th Regiment, is appointed to act as barrack master at Fort Erie with an allowance of 1s. 6d. per day.

(Signed) Taos. EVANS, B.M.

* Millers' store between Palmer's and Fort Erie, on the line of communication.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 6th Oct., 1812.

No. 1. Until further orders the regular troops and militia force in this command are to be under arms in their quarters^a at the first break of day, and are not to be dismissed till broad daylight and distant objects seen. The guards are to turn out and mount as usual, and the strictest attention is enjoined to the order requiring one-third of the men in quarters to be clothed and accoutered during the night with their arms at hand, in readiness to turn out in a moment's warning, which commanders of corps or detachments are directed to regulate in such a manner as to avoid, as much as may be practicable, including men for guards in that number.

2. The 41st Regiment will give up the quarters lately occupied as a hospital to the detachment of the Newfoundland Regiment, who will occupy it this evening.

The commanding officer of the 41st Regiment will distribute his men in the most convenient manner in the barracks now occupied until additional rooms can be appropriated for them.

_(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

FORT GEORGE, 8th Oct., 1812.

The undermentioned gentlemen are appointed volunteers in his Majesty's regular forces from the period specified opposite their respective names, they will continue to do duty with the 41st Regiment until further orders.

Henry Proctor, gentleman, 1st July, 1812 ; Alexander Wilkinson, 1st July, — Richardson, 9th July.

Tnos. EVANS, B.M.

Surgeons at the several posts where hospitals are established will receive from the Commissariat stores as much fresh beef as they may judge necessary for the use of the sick.

The remainder of the rations due to the sick will be left in

store and paid for to the surgeons at the contract prices. For the future 72 an ounce of salt will be added to the rations of the fresh meat.

FORT GEORGE, 9th Oct., 1812.

The flank companies of the Newfoundland Regiment will march at 2 o'clock to-morrow morning for Fort Erie, and on their arrival there will receive further orders from Major-General Shaw; the Deputy Quartermaster General will have the requisite conveyance ready for the carriage of their baggage. The 41st Regiment will relieve the men of the Newfoundland on duty after the men have dined this day.

THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, Oct. 9th, 1812.

Officers in command of the several divisions will call for, from officers in command of corps and detachments serving under their orders, a return of armourers belonging to the same, which will be transmitted to the Brigade Major's office without delay.

(Signed) Thos. Evans, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 12th Oct, 1812.

Major-General Brock directs that no communication be held with the enemy by flag of truce or otherwise than by his special permission unless such an occurrence should arise as to render delay prejudicial to the service, of which officers commanding posts are to be the sole judges. It is understood that in the boat captured on the morning of the 9th from the enemy, arms of various descriptions were found which have not been accounted for. Major-General Shaw will institute the necessary inquiry and retain them for the Major-General's disposal, and

it must be clearly understood by every officer and soldier that all property taken from the enemy must be reported to the Major-General before they can be applied to any purpose, and that arms in particular are at all times to be returned for the public service.

Major-General Brock receives Major-General Shaw's report of the spirited conduct of the troops of the militia on the morning of the 9th with the utmost satisfaction. Cornet Pill Major was particularly conspicuous, and he has much pleasure to find that the wounds he received on that occasion are not likely to deprive the service very long of his gallant exertions.

THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O., FORT GEORGE, 13th Oct., 1812.

A cessation of firing having been agreed on by Major-General Sheaffe and Major-General Van Ransselear, commanding the American troops at Lewiston, etc., for 3 days ending on Friday, the 16th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m. The officers commanding the several posts on the line will regulate their conduct accordingly.

THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 14th Oct., 1812.

A return of the general and regimental staff officers, also one from the different corps and detachments engaged in, the action of the 13th Oct., of the killed, wounded, and missing will be immediately sent in to the Brigade Major's office.

THOS. EVANS.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 14th Oct., 1812.

Major-General Sheaffe offers his best thanks to the troops for the bravery and good conduct so eminently displayed by all ranks and descriptions in the action of yesterday, which terminated in the complete overthrow of the enemy, their General

with many officers and about 800 men having been made prisoners, and a considerable number killed and wounded, and a stand of colors and 6 prisoners taken.

This brilliant success is, however, clouded by the ever-to-be-lamented death of Major-General Brock, who gloriously fell whilst foremost in the ranks gallantly cheering his troops whilst opposing far superior numbers. The zeal, ability, and valour with which he served his King and country render this a public loss which must be long deplored, and his memory will live in the hearts and affections of those who had an opportunity of being acquainted with his private worth.

Major-General Sheaffe has also to regret that Lieut.-Col. McDonald, aide-de-camp to Major-General Brock, whose gallantry and spirit rendered him worthy of his chief, received a wound in the action, and which there is reason to fear will prove mortal.

All arms, accoutrements, ammunition, and articles whatever of a public nature taken from the enemy in the action of yesterday to be delivered into the ordnance store without delay.

In consequence of the death of Major-General Brock, the command of his Majesty's troops serving in U. Canada devolves on Major-General Sheaffe, to whom all reports and communications will be made accordingly.

Lieut.-Col. Myers will take upon himself the superintendance of the troops of the line from Fort George to Chippewa inclusive, all reports and details for that portion of the Niagara district to be made to him and for the greater facility and despatch of the public service Major-General Shaw, acting as Col of Militia, and commanding between Chippewa and the Sugar Loaf, will be pleased to report to and communicate with Major-General Sheaffe through Lt.-Col. Myers as Deputy Quartermaster-General.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

^kSugar Loaf a conical hill north side Lake Erie.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 16th Oct., 1812.

A prolongation of the cessation of hostilities having been agreed upon between Major-General Sheaffe and Major-General Van Ransselear for an undefined period, the officers commanding posts along the line will strictly govern themselves accordingly until further orders.

Captain Glegg, 49th Regiment, aide-de-camp to the late Major-General Brock, will be pleased to act in that capacity with Major-General Sheaffe until further orders; Lt. Win. Kerr, of the Glengy. Lt. Infantry, when his duty of assistant engineer will permit will attach himself to Lieut.-Col. Myers, and will receive his directions.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

General Brock's last instructions to Officers Commanding Forts.

This MS. is labelled:— " 1812. Instructions sent to Officers commanding Forts, by Major-General Brock, some days prior to the attack on Queenston."

Should the enemy determine on a serious invasion of this part of the Province, it appears likely to me (now that the season is so far advanced as to render any attempt to turn either of our flanks extremely dangerous) that his principal attack will be made between Fort Erie and *Palmer's*. * He may at the same time attract our attention by sending a small force in light gun boats up the channel between Navy and Grand Island with a view likewise of impeding our retreat to Chip-

Notes, p. 2, Palmer's Tavern not far from Black Creek on a creek opposite Grand Is.

pewa, but I cannot imagine that a force of any magnitude will attempt in crowded boats to stem so strong a current, and expose itself to an attack in that situation.

The imminent danger which boats liable to attack from our batteries would encounter from the rapidity of the waters, and vicinity of the Falls, in crossing from the north point of Navy Island, would almost lead one to conclude that no officer could be found hardy enough to direct an enterprise from that quarter. But if we weigh well the character of our enemy we shall find him more disposed to brave the impediments of nature when they afford a probability of accomplishing his end by surprise in preference to the certainty of encountering British troops ready formed for his reception.

The prospect of success by this route is not only more probable than the tedious course of the south channel, but the incitements to undertake it are so great, that no officer will allow himself to be lulled into security, under pretense, by the evident risk attending such an attempt.

Once in complete possession of both sides of the Chippewa the enemy would obtain an advantage, not only as it regards military operations, but likewise over the feeling of the militia that might be productive of fatal consequences. It is, therefore, our first object to prevent by every means such an occurrence—so long as he is confined between Fort Erie and the river we may confidently look for hourly support, but if allowed to spread, the disaffected will assume a tone and posture that cannot fail to operate in deterring the loyal from active exertions.

Should the enemy, however, reject such a hazardous mode of attack and confine his operations, as has already been suggested, to the upper part of the river, under cover of his artillery, the officer in command will, of course, oppose him to the utmost in his endeavors to obtain a footing, but should he be at length compelled to retire, he will, if practicable, fall back upon Chippawa disputing manfully every step. The nature of

the ground is particularly favorable for a small force to impede the rapid advance of any number. The several detachments stationed along that line will arrive in rotation to his support, and will enable him to check the enemy until such a force is collected as cannot fail making him repent his temerity.

Sufficient attention has not been paid to ensure the destruction in case of necessity of the numerous bridges upon that communication.

Should the troops composing the garrison of Fort Erie be cut off and prevented joining and retreating with the detachment stationed at the Ferry side, the officer commanding will be left in a situation requiring his utmost prudence and activity. He will have either to annoy the enemy as he advances, or to retire before a superior force; the fort is only tenable against musketry, it will therefore be most expedient to give up the place rather than expose the troops to capture. The back road leading to Palmers has, of course, been minutely examined, and although, at this season very bad, may afford a safe retreat. Temporary footbridges might likewise be constructed near such places along the skirts of the wood as are otherwise impassable, this precaution may be the means of preserving the detachment.

An alarm from the right will not induce the force at Navy Island to move until it be ascertained that no attack is meditated in that direction, and measures are taken to station sufficient parties to watch narrowly the approach of any enemy.

The possession of and safety of Chippewa must be considered a primary object, consequently only such portions of its force will march as can with perfect safety be spared.

On the contrary the troops quartered on the road between Queenston and Chippewa will repair thither with the utmost rapidity on the first alarm, and half of the force at Queenston will follow the same route without waiting for further orders.