

Lieutenant Colonel Fenwick to Major General Van Rensselaer,

Four Mile Creek, September 3, 1812.

Sir,—

Agreeable to your instructions, * I am landing the ordnance and stores at this place. They are of great importance, and I do not think them safe in this position. The powder I must keep on board, as it will sustain injury by being taken out. I pray you, sir, to assist me so soon as possible, and receive the assurance of my consideration and respect

(Signed) JOHN R. FENWICK,

Lieut. Col. Light Artillery.

Colonel Sol Van Rensselaer to Lieutenant Colonel Fenwick.

Head-Quarters, Lewiston, September 3, 1812.

Sir,—

Major General Van Rensselaer has ordered the Quarter Master to proceed immediately to the Four Mile Creek, and furnish you with the necessary transportation for the cannon and military stores in your charge; and has also detached one captain, one subaltern, and forty men to assist you in their removal and protection to this place. The troops and wagons will reach you this evening.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) S. V. REN. A. D. C.

Lieut. Col. Fenwick, Four Mile Creek.

From Major Gen. Dearborn to Major Gen. Van Rensselaer.

Head-Quarters, Greenbush, 1st Sept., 1812.

Major Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer.

I received your letter of the 25th ult. this morning, enclosing a communication from Capt. Leonard.—The fall

* An express had been sent to Col. Fenwick, to land at Four Mile Creek. This precaution was taken lest the Armistice might have been terminated below, or some accident might throw the cargo into the hands of the enemy. No copy was kept of the note to Col. Fenwick.

of Gen. Hull, and the army under his command, is as mortifying as it was unexpected. We must endeavour to redeem our honour by increasing our exertions. In addition to the militia detachments ordered from this State, and two thousand ordered from the north-western part of Pennsylvania to Niagara; three regiments of new-raised troops of the army have been some days on their march towards your post. I am forwarding additional supplies of musketry and cannon, with forty batteaux to Niagara—a detachment of troops will accompany the boats from Oswego. It will be necessary to have teams ready to take the stores and boats from a safe landing place; and it may be well to order a detachment to meet the boats at some distance from Niagara on the shore. I hope Lieut. Col. Fenwick, with the troops and stores under his command, will have arrived in season. *I have no doubt but that you will improve the earliest opportunity for retaliating on the enemy our misfortunes at Detroit.* Gen. Dodge goes to Sackett's Harbour with a fine force. I have detached Gen. Bloomfield with a brigade of regular troops, with artillery, &c. to Plattsburgh, and other troops in addition to the militia of this State and Vermont will accompany or follow him.

I shall endeavour to draw the reinforcements back from Upper Canada to Montreal.

With great consideration and esteem.

From Major Gen. Van Rensselaer to Major Gen. Brook.

Head-Quarters, Lewiston, Sept. 4th, 1812.

Sir,—

By the articles which I had the honour to conclude with Major Gen. Sheaffe on the 21st ult., for the government of the troops of the United States under my command, and his Britannic Majesty's forces on this frontier, during the temporary armistice, it was, among other things, stipulated that "the party who shall first receive orders for the renewal of hostilities shall give four days' notice, computing