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BOSTON, JUNE 29.

We should think that "the most enlight-
ened people in the world," would begin to
be sick by this time of the idea of "taking
Canada." Every day brings us intelli-
gence of some new disaster or disgrace.
Thousands of lives and millions of money
have been lost, nay worse than lost, in
abortive attempts, and we are now more
distant than ever from the accomplishment
of this coveted conquest. Nor is the un-
feeling waste of blood and treasure all we
have to deplore.—We have forfeited our re-
putation. Our commerce, under happier
suspects, might revive—the wounds, from
which the streams of life are gushing may
be staunch—but our character, the lega-
cy of our fathers, which he had sworn to
transmit inviolate, is gone forever.

ALARMING.

From present appearances "de veils of
de government" must soon stop. The Pre-
sident, the Vice President, and the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer, are all taken *des-
perate sick!* Gen. Dearborn has resigned!
And Mons. de Gallatin is *missing!!!*

The President still sick.

Our letter state, that the President has
an attack of the bilious fever, and that he
continued very ill.—The Philadelphia "De-
mocratic Press," of Wednesday evening,
says—"We are sincerely concerned to
learn by our best advices from Washington
that the President and Vice President of
the U. States were so seriously indisposed
as to excite the apprehensions of their
friends."—*Com. Adv.*

Letters from Washington announce, that
Generals DEARBORN and LEWIS had
tendered their resignations, and that Gen.
ARMSTRONG and Mr. MUNROE had
proffered their services to supply the expect-
ed vacancies.—*U. S. Gaz.*

BATTLE OF THE GUNBOATS, IN HAMPTON ROADS.

Extract of a letter, dated Camp—near
Armsted, NORFOLK, June 21.

"I take up my pen to inform you of an
action that took place in Hampton Roads
yesterday morning, between our gun-boats
at this place and a British frigate. On
Saturday two frigates and a 74 came into
the Roads, one frigate within 8 or 10 miles
of this place, and the other frigate within 3
miles of her, and the 74 about the same dis-
tance below the last, and there anchored. On
Saturday night 14 gun-boats left this place,
manned by the Constellation's crew, for
the purpose of driving them from their moor-
ings; the wind was calm, and every thing
in favour of our flotilla; they arrived
within gun-shot of the highest frigate, and
commenced action at revellie, at about 3
and a half hours, when the wind springing
up, obliged our boats to retire, as the frigate
and 74 below had come up to her as-
sistance, after completely silencing her, and
having torn her almost to pieces, as it ap-
pears by the report of those that saw the
action from Sewal-Point. After the action,
the men on board the frigate was seen
on every part of the ship, taken in sails
and bending new ones, and on the sides,
plugging up shot holes having received many
shot below the water.—It was very un-
fortunate for us that the wind sprung up as
it was impossible for her to have held out
15 minutes longer.—Some even go so far
as to say she had hauled down her colours
and then hoisted them again when her con-
sort came up. There is now in the Roads
8 ships of the line and from 10 to 12 frig-
ates—there is 30 sail in the Bay and Roads.
The killed and wounded on board the
Gun-Boats were, 1 killed and 3 wounded.
"P. S.—You may soon expect to hear
an affray at this place, but we are not

afraid of them, as we can muster 10,000
with the Norfolk militia."

JUNE 30.

The Editors of the Palladium received on
Tuesday the following note.

"NORFOLK, JUNE 22, 1 P. M.

"About day-break the enemy were dis-
covered with their barges pulling to shore,
about two and a half or three miles above
the upper point of Crany Island, about 400
effected their landing without any opposi-
tion or loss, there being no force to oppose
them, and being out of reach of the artillery
on Crany Island.—But another detachment
which pulled directly for Crany Island, met
with a different reception. The batteries
were manned with the troops stationed on
the Island, and a detachment of seamen
commanded by the officers of the Constella-
tion, who opened a heavy fire, which com-
pelled the enemy to retreat with great loss.
Three barges were sunk; one was taken
with eighteen men on board, belonging to a
foreign regiment. Our officers, soldiers,
seamen and marines, exhibited the utmost
coolness and enthusiasm.

"Foiled in the attempt on Crany Island,
the enemy has landed the whole of the force
embarked, about three miles above the
island, where he remained.

"The prisoners state that the expedition
was commanded by Admiral Cockburn.—
They also report that the Junon received
nine shot in her hull, had many men killed,
and her rigging much damaged.

"The enemy threw many rockets but
without effect.

"The infantry and riflemen have not had
their share of the action, as the enemy was
so roughly handled by the artillery, that he
did not come within the reach of small arms.
An attack is expected to-night, but the
Island will be defended to the last extremity.

"The number of troops, including ma-
rines for landing, are said to be about 3000
—those already landed from 1000 to 1200
—This we give as report."

We now assert, without the fear of con-
tradiction, that Gen. Moreau has actually
embarked on board the Hannibal, for St.
Petersburgh. The most momentous events
may be expected to follow the progress of
this great, this beloved General.—*N. Y. G.*

It has been rumoured that Gen. Moreau
is going to Russia, where he is to organize
and take command of the prisoners and
other French there, and to act against Bo-
naparte. We conceive this to be entirely
chimerical. It seems more probably that
he may be going to Sweden, where he can
consult with Bernadotte, and wait the result
of the campaign.

UPPER CANADA.

GENERAL ORDER.

HEAD-QUARTERS, KINGSTON.
Adjutant-General's Office,
8th June, 1813.

His Excellency the Commander of the For-
ces is pleased to direct that the following ex-
tracts from a District General Order, given out
in Upper Canada by Major General Sir Ro-
ger Hale Sheaffe, be published for the infor-
mation of the Forces serving in the North
American Provinces.

By His Excellency's command,
EDWARD BAYNES, Adj. Gen.

Kingston, 13th May, 1813.

DISTRICT GENERAL ORDER.

The Major General Commanding having
received the returns from the Corps of the Line
engaged with the enemy on the 27th ultimo,
laments to find that so many brave men suffer-
ed on that day. Though the result of it was
not such as has been customary whenever the
enemy has been encountered in his attempts on
this Province, it is consolatory to reflect, that in
gaining this novel success, accidental circum-
stances to which the operations of war are always
liable, concurred to favor the enemy's vast su-
periority of numbers and combination of force,
to oppose which the means of defence and situa-
tion of York could afford but inadequate aid.

By the explosion of a Battery Magazine, the
loss which the Forces had in the previous action
sustained of some of its best soldiers, was con-
siderably augmented. Our total loss in killed
and wounded was about 130, among the for-
mer the Major General deeply regrets that
Captain M'Neal of the 8th, or King's Regt.
is numbered. He nobly fell at the head of his
brave Grenadiers. The loss of Donald M'Lean,
Esq. Clerk of the House of Assembly, is also
to be lamented; he gallantly volunteered his
services with a musket, as did Mr. Beikie, Mr.
Alexander Wood, Mr. Quetton St. George,
and perhaps others whose names are at present
unknown. Captain Jervie, of the incorporated
Militia, and Lieutenant De Kovan, of the
Royal Newfoundland Fencibles, were wound-
ed. The number of the enemy's troops that
landed are stated to have amounted to 2,500.
It was not disgraceful for 200 to retreat from
such a force.—The Powder Magazine was
blown up, and the new ship and naval stores
destroyed to prevent their falling into the en-
emy's hands.

(Signed) RICH'D. LEONARD,
A. D. A. G.

GENERAL ORDER.

HEAD-QUARTERS, KINGSTON.
Adjutant-General's Office,
11th June, 1813.

His Excellency the Commander of the For-
ces has the highest gratification in publishing to
the Forces a District General Order issued by
Brigadier General Vincent.—His Excellency
avails himself of the words of the Brigadier-
General—He is at a loss for language to do
justice to the distinguished bravery and good
conduct of the troops engaged.

A Royal Salute to be fired in celebration of
this splendid achievement.

By His Excellency's Command.

EDWARD BAYNES,
Adjutant-General.

HEAD-QUARTERS, 7th June.

D. G. O.

Brigadier-General Vincent congratulates the
troops on the success which removed the attack
made by the King's and 49th Regiments on
the enemy's position and camp at Gage's yel-
terday morning, when his force, consisting of
not less than 3500 men, advantageously posted,
and protected by a considerable number of guns,
was completely routed and driven off the field;
4 pieces of cannon, with their tumbrils, horses,
&c. 2 Brigadier Generals, 5 Field Officers
and Captains, and upwards of 100 prisoners,
were the trophies of this brilliant enterprise.—
Immediately after our troops had retired towards
their cantonments, the enemy abandoned the
position to which he had fled, and after burn-
ing and destroying a quantity of baggage and
provisions, carriages, blankets, arms, &c. com-
menced a precipitate retreat, and did not halt
until he reached the 40 mile creek, 12 miles
(through the worst possible roads) from the
scene of action; here he effected a junction with
a reinforcement which was on its march to join
him.

Brigadier-General Vincent is at a loss for
language to do justice to the distinguished bra-
very and good conduct of the troops engaged.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Harvey, Deputy-
Adjutant-General, who planned the enterprise
and conducted the columns to the attack, every
degree of praise is due, and his distinguished
services are duly appreciated. The 8th (King's)
and 49th Regiments, he was rejoiced to observe,
vied with each other in acts of intrepidity and
gallantry, though at the unavoidable expence
of many of their valuable Officers and men.

To Major Ogilvie, and the Officers and men
of the King's, and to Major Plenderleath, and
the Officers and men of the 49th Regiment the
Brigadier-General offers his grateful thanks.

To the Officers of the Staff, as well as to
Captain Chambers, and to His Excellency's
Aides-de-Camp, Captains M'Douall and Mil-
nes, Brigadier General Vincent feels great
obligations.

To the Royal and Provincial Artillery,
under Major Holcroft, to the 41st Regiment
and detachments of the Glengary and New-
foundland, and Militia, under Lieutenant-Col.
Bischoff, was confided, during the absence of

the other troops, the important trust of the de-
fence of this extensive position, menaced on the
right by the enemy's riflemen, and on the left
by a numerous brigade of boats filled with
troops.

Had the threatened attack been made, the
Brigadier-General feels the utmost confidence
that those troops would have gallantly discharg-
ed their duty.

(Signed) J. VINCENT,

Brigadier-General Commanding.

A True Copy,

J. B. GLEGG, Lieut.-Col. B. M.

When the express left Burlington Bay,
Commodore Sir James Yeo was acting in co-
operation with the army, and had dislodged the
enemy with great loss in men and stores, from
his position at the 40 mile creek, where he had
retreated.

British force engaged,

8th, or King's Regiment, 280

49th Regiment, 430

Total—710

Extract of a letter from Isle aux Noix.

"As no doubt you will have expected to
have heard from me before this time, I am not
sorry circumstances have delayed it. At this
time, which places it in my power to commu-
nicate to you a few particulars of the at-
tack and capture (by the brave 100th regiment
at the Isle aux Noix) of the American armed
vessels Growler and Eagle, commanded by
Captain Sidney Smith, with a compliment of
11 guns 18-pounders, and 50 men each, which
may be truly stated to be as gallant and neat
an affair as any we have heard of on sea or
shore, since the war with Jonathan.—The cir-
cumstances attending this brilliant business, took
place between 4 and 5 in the morning of the
3d instant. One of the vessels only was dis-
tinguished above the garrison, when it was in-
stantly resolved on by Lieut. Col. Taylor,
100th regt. to attack her, no doubt conceiving
her to be one of the enemy's armed vessels.—
The men of the 100th (Prince's regiment) were
ordered by him to man the three gun-boats, in
each of whom three men of the Royal Artillery
were put. The Lieut. Col. taking with him-
self two batteaux and a smaller boat with some
armed men, when they all proceeded for the
vessel in sight; towards whom they had not far
advanced before another vessel was seen, which
had no effect in deterring them from their reso-
lution in dashing on them; and in a few mi-
nutes were enabled to salute them with their
guns, which they returned with their broad-
sides. The men in the batteaux and row boats
landed on each side with the utmost diligence,
in order to reach the vessels with their musket-
ry; and on their getting opposite to them never
failed in the essential purpose, in effecting it
from the one side or the other, which so com-
pletely annoyed the vessels that for a short in-
terval, they turned their broadsides towards the
land, sweeping the wood with their case and
grape shot and volleys of small arms. The
action in this manner occasionally, and the gun
boats making the most use of their time in throw-
ing their canister shot so quickly about them,
and after continuing for not less than four hours
without any relaxation, one of them struck their
colours, and in a few minutes her consort fol-
lowed the example. The Growler being in
the best order of the two, was brought down
before the garrison—the other under the neces-
sity of being run on shore to prevent her from
sinking; but was got off the next day and join-
ed her companion. They had one man killed
and eight wounded, besides others said to have
been thrown overboard during the action.—
This is, in a manner, corroborated by their own
accounts in having had 113 men on board at
the commencement of the action, of whom only
100 have been accounted for.

"Every person who has seen the vessels is
surprised at their force and equipment in such
a complete manner in the implements of war.
No vessel in the British navy carrying a more
fitting assortment of every description of Ord-
nance stores. Their expence must have been
very great—all accounts agree at the lowest
valuation from 10 to £12,000, and hope it
will turn handsomely out to the regiment who
captured them."