

AN EPITAPH found in a Country Churchyard.

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BOSTON, MAY 9.
Arrived, private armed Schooner
York, of Baltimore, late Enoch Staples
commander, of 14 guns, and
100 men, from a cruise.
Extrad from her Journal:—
Sailed from N. York 16th March,
same day was chased by two frigates,
one for 12 hours, and fired about 20
shots—escaped in the night, 17th, lost
Geo. Hill, a boy, overboard—23d
was chased by a man of war brig,
lost flying jib; 23 of the crew sick,
principally with chills.
April 4th, lat. 44. 41, long. 52. 62,
captured the Diligence, Cole, of and
from Halifax, out one day for New-
foundland, cargo lumber, estimated
at 4000 dols. 8th, was chased to
windward, and fired upon by a sch'r
under American colors. 9th, passed
the wreck of a brig, lumber on deck,
probably defeated by an American
privateer. 10th, lat. 44; long. 62,
40, fell in with the sch'r Grenada
Packet, prize to the privateer ship
—, of Salem, being near the
coast of Nova Scotia, the prize crew
took to a boat and left her under the
impression they were near Machias,
and that the York was a British cru-
izer, and gave her up to Captain
Dartell, on board, her original
master—took him and a Swede out,
and burnt her, estimated at 6000 dls.
13th & 14th was chased by a frigate,
and at night, but lost sight of her.
18th, lat. 42. 48, at half past 12, saw
a sail on the weather bow, made all
sail in chase; half past 8, the chase
ran up on her starboard quarter, half
past shot distance, hailed, was an-
swered. His Majesty's ship Tho-
mas. The action then commenced
and continued three quarters of an
hour, at that distance, she pouring in-
to us an immense shower of musketry.
—All the shot from the great guns
passed just over our heads through the
foot of our sails, which were com-
pletely riddled and two after shrouds
fore and aft shot away. Capt. Sta-
ples received a musket ball through
the body the first broadside.
The darkness of the night prevent-
ed the fall of the Commander from
being immediately known, owing to
this circumstance, and the fall of the
Quarter Master, we fell on board the
enemy. Her bow-sprit afloat of our

starboard main shrouds, making a
wreck of our quarter. Mr. Burch,
1st Lieut. being apprised at this mo-
ment of the fall of the Commander,
collected the boarders, when she drop-
ped clear of us. Her fore-castle was
defended by a large body of men
with fixed bayonets. His fire had
now entirely ceased, and we continu-
ed it with musketry [in addition to
the officers state, that owing to the
heavy swell during the action, only
five of the great guns could be fired,
the muzzles of them being plunged
into the water which also wet part
of the cartridges, extinguished the
matches, &c.] until we were out of
her reach, being right astern and we
not daring to get our larboard tacks on
board, alter her, as our plankshire was
ripped up and a heavy swell on our
masts having great play, together
with a strong breeze in wearing, 9
men killed and 12 wounded, most of
the latter severely, hove to under
reefed fore-sail.
Capt Staples survived the action a-
bout 2 hours, during which time he
inquired if his wound was mortal, and
and being informed that it was, and
if he had any thing to say he had bet-
ter communicate it.—He then re-
quested that gentleman to "tell—to
pay all the monies in their hands,
belonging to him to his brothers and
sisters," and desired to see Mr. Burch,
and said to him, "I am too far gone
to speak, take care of yourself and do
the best you can."
Capt Staples and his officers be-
haved with the greatest coolness and
bravery; and in justice we ought to
mention the excellent and well di-
rected fire of the marines, animated
by the presence of Mr. Egerton. Mr.
Kello, 2d Lieut. having been wound-
ed in the commencement of the ac-
tion, Mr. Stone supplied his place,
Mr. Orne taking the place of Mr.
Stone. The latter part pleasant wea-
ther, a man of war brig in chase of
us. At 8, A. M. committed the bod-
ies of the killed to the deep, with u-
sual ceremony, and employed in re-
pairing damages. At 10, A. M. the
brig gave up the chase.
Killed—Enoch Staples, Esq. com-
mander; Peter R. Hogkinson, prize-
master, Bezza Mabot, ward-room ste-
ward, Wm. Greene, seaman, John
Melyneux, cooper, Henry Roschic,
marine.
Wounded—Joseph Kello, 2d Lt.
Isaac Day, seaman, John Montagu,
do. Richard Kescourt, boy, Andrew
Defondruff, seaman, John Bolster,
do. Thomas Williams, do. Lewis
Wright, carpenter's mate, Benjamin
Jones, seaman, Stephen Dostock, do.
Abraham Davis, quarter master.
25th, lat. 42½, long. 57½, a con-
sultation of the officers took place,
when it was the unanimous opinion
that it was the best not to prosecute
the cruise any further in the disabled
situation of the vessel.
Copy of a letter from Major Gen-
eral Wilkinson, to the Secretary
of War, dated,
Province of Lower Canada, Odell
Town, March 31st, 1814.
SIR—We have had an affair with
the enemy, in which our troops have
given a test of firmness and valor.
Pursuant to the designs communi-
cated to you in my last, and accom-
plish your views if in my power, I
entered Canada yesterday morning,
and was met by the enemy near this
place about 11 o'clock, whom we
forced at every point of the attack on
the route to La Cde distant from
hence one league, and from St.
John's six. We reached the former
post about three o'clock, and found
there a strong corps in possession of a
stone mill, of which I had received
some information. An eighteen
pounder had been ordered forward to
effect the destruction of this building,
but it broke down, and after being re-
paired, the only road of approach
through a deep forest was reported to
be impracticable to a gun of such
weight. An opinion prevailed at the
same time with the chief engineer
Major Prosser, founded on intelli-
gence previously received, and feve-
ral of the best informed officers that

an iron twelve would suffice to make
a breach: but after a fair and a tedi-
ous experiment, at three hundred
yards distance only, it was discover-
ed our battery could make no im-
pression.
Brig. Gens. Smith and Bissel co-
vered our guns, and Brig. Gen. Ma-
comb, with a select corps, formed the
reserve. The enemy had been re-
ported from a source considered
strictly confidential, to two thousand
five hundred strong, and his attack of
my right favored the report, from the
ole he made of the Congreve rockets
and other indications of deliberate
preparation; the corps, therefore,
was held in high order to receive his
combined attack. Yet believing in
the efficacy of our battery dispositions
had been made to intercept the enemy
should he evacuate the post, and to
give it the utmost effect, we were ob-
liged to take ground near the margin
of the field which encompassed the
mill. During the cannonade, which
was returned with vivacity by the e-
nemy's galleys, (I presumed) several
forties and desperate charges were
made from the mill upon our battery,
which were repulsed with incredible
coolness by the covering corps, at
the expense of some blood and some
lives on both sides: it is reported to
me that in the last charge a Captain
of Grenadiers and fifteen men fell
together, but I cannot vouch for the
fact.—Finding all our attempts to
make a breach unsuccessful, I with-
drew the battery, called in my de-
tachments, and having removed our
dead and wounded and every thing
else, fell back to this place about 6
o'clock.
Where a military corps appears to
be universally animated by the same
sensibilities; where the only compe-
tition is for danger and glory, indivi-
dual distinctions seem improper, ex-
cept in extraordinary cases such as
the conduct of the officers who com-
manded our battery yesterday. Cap-
tain M'Pherson of the light artillery
(my military secretary) impelled by
the noble spirit which marks his
whole character, asked permission to
take a part in the operations of the day
with his proper arm, he was indulged,
and being first for command took
charge of the pieces which followed
the advance and formed our battery,
in which he was seconded by Lieuts.
Larrabee and Sheldon. On opening
his fire he seemed inclined to the o-
pinion he could make an impression
on the work, but he soon received a
wound in the chin, which he tied up
with his handkerchief and continued
at his piece until a second, which shot
broke his thigh, brought him to the
earth. Larrabee had kept his station
until shot through the lungs, and shel-
don kept up the fire until ordered to
retire. The conduct of the gentle-
men has from the nature of their du-
ties been so conspicuously gallant as
to attract the admiration of their bre-
thren in arms, and should (I humbly
conceive) be distinguished by the
Executive.
I have sent forward my wounded
who can bear the movement to Plat-
burgh or Burlington, and those who
cannot will be provided for at Cham-
plain.
I would hold this position until I
receive further orders, were it not for
the difficulty of transporting our pro-
visions and the impossibility to cover
the troops; but I shall not retire fur-
ther than Cha. plain, which will
place us twenty-five miles from St.
John's and forty-two from Montreal.
I cannot close this letter without
confessing my obligations to my gene-
ral and field officers, and to my gene-
ral staff of every grade, for the able
and prompt support I received from
them. So small an affair does not
merit so tedious a detail, but it war-
rants the remark that it will produce
a degree of self confidence, of reci-
procal trust, of harmony and friendly
attachments in this corps highly be-
neficial to the service. It is a lesson
of command to the officers, and of o-
bedience to the soldier, worth a whole
year's drill of empty parades.
The return of killed and wounded
have not yet been furnished, but they

will not exceed 80 or 90, including a
captain and 4 subalterns, and this shall
be forwarded to morrow or next day.
For the information of their friends,
you have at foot the names of the
wounded officers.
With great respect, &c.
JA. WILKINSON.
Names of Officers Wounded.
Capt. M'Pherson, Lt. Larrabee,
Light Artillery.
Lt. Green, 1st Infantry.
Lt. Parker, 14th do.
Lt. Kerr, Rifle Regt.
The Honorable Secretary of War.
Convention for the Exchange of Prisoners.
HEAD-QUARTER'S—MONTREAL,
Adjt.-General's Office, April 16th 1814.
GENERAL ORDER.
His Excellency the Governor in
Chief and Commander of the For-
ces, announces to the troops under
his command, that he was pleased to
sanction and confirm, on the 15th
inst. articles of a convention entered
into by Col. BAYNES, Adjutant-Ge-
neral to the forces, and Brigadier-Ge-
neral WINDER, of the army of the
United States of America; for the
mutual release of all Prisoners of
War, Hostages, or others, with the
exception of the Forty-Six Ameri-
can officers and non-commissioned
officers placed in close confinement,
as hostages, in conformity to the Ge-
neral Order, of the 27th October last,
in retaliation for Twenty-three Bri-
tish born subjects taken from the
ranks of the enemy, and sent to Eng-
land, for legal trial.
By this agreement it is stipulated—
That all prisoners of War, (the a-
bove mentioned alone excepted,) shall
be mutually exchanged, deliver-
ed at such places as shall be agreed
on, with all convenient expedition;
and shall be declared respectively all
and severally to be released, and free
to carry Arms, and serve, on the 15th
May next, the same as if they had
never been Prisoners of War; And
it has been further provided, That
whatever balance shall appear on the
returns of Prisoners of War, respec-
tively exchanged, or given upon pa-
role, by either party, since the com-
mencement of hostilities, that the
number of Prisoners for which an e-
quivalent has not been returned, shall
be withheld from all military service,
until duly exchanged.
It is with a proud satisfaction that
the Commander of the Forces feels
confident, that this provisional clause
can never apply to the army in Cana-
da, from the immense disparity in the
number and rank of the Prisoners it
has restored to the enemy.
All Officers, Non-Commissioned
Officers, and Soldiers, being Prison-
ers of War, who are not prevented in
consequence of their wounds are
commanded to join their respective
Corps and Stations, on the 15th day
of May next, and to resume military
duties.
EDWARD BAYNES, Adjt. Genl.
THE SUBSCRIBERS
INFORM their Friends and the
Public, that they carry on the
Business of
INSURANCE BROKERS,
at their Office, in Hollis Street,
second door south of the Presby-
terian Meeting-House.
Losses paid without any deduction,
and a reasonable credit given for Pre-
miums.
Orders for Insurance, directed to
the Subscribers, will be punctually at-
tended to.
M'COLL & BONNETT.
Halifax, March 1, 1813.
Daniel Green,
INFORMS his Friends and the
Public, that he has REMOVED
to Germain Street, two doors North
of Mrs. BYLES', where he continues
to carry on the Fancy and Windsor
Chair Making in its various bran-
ches.
April 9
FLOUR and CORN,
For Sale by
EDMOND & BEDELL
May 9.