

Isle on Monday the 8th Oct, in the Evening, & has not since been heard of. A very violent Storm prevailed on that Night & the following day, & there can be no doubt but that she foundered in it. Some small portion[s] of the Wreck have be[en] found on the South shore of this Lake, but nothing of much Consequence, nor any of the Dead Bodies.

Such Men as we have on this Occasion lost, will not soon be replaced; and it makes a sad Blank in the Society, particularly at York. The Absence of the Cheif Justice⁷⁰ also, who is gone this Season on a Visit to England, will render this more sincerely felt, And will most probably prevent much Bussiness of any kind, being done there this winter.

In other respects we have but little new here. A very wett Season has hindred much, the Sowing of wheat; And we fear the Crop of next Season, will be short in Proportion. Colds have prevailed very generally, but to other Intempers we are in general Strangers.

In the Article of public News, Your papers will shew you that the war in Europe has the Appearance of Bursting out with fresh Vigour. The Northern Powers seem determined to try again their Fortune against this Corsican Usurper, & surely the other Continental Powers will not supinely submit to his exorbitant Exactions, when they see a Prospect of being so well supported. All I fear for is, that these Combinations formed of such Various Materials, like the Idol mentioned in the Bible, with Arms of Brass, & feet of Clay, cannot support themselves long enough to be of use effectually. Still however the threatned Invasion is held out to employ & to agitate the Minds of our Country men; And this Buonoparte is such an extraordinary fellow, there is no saying What he may, or what he may not do. How fortunate are we in [illegible] detached Corner of the Globe, enjoying Peace in the greatest Plenty, and only listening to the Sound of the Storm, at such a distance.

Mr^s Hamilton requests me of [to] make an offer of her best

was sheriff of York. Together with other officials they were proceeding to Newcastle for the purpose of trying Ogetonicut, a Chippewa Indian, for the murder of a trader, John Sharp, it having been determined that the spot where the offense was committed lay within the District of Newcastle. The culprit and practically all of the court officers were consigned to the same watery grave.

⁷⁰ Henry Allcock, for whom see *ante*, 260.