

on our blankets before the Kitchen fire very comfortably. we found a man there who had just arrived with an express for General Brock. Today our party was streng[th]ened by a Company of Riflemen in two boats under Cap^t Robertson¹⁹ of York. Tuesday 11th left Port Talbot we sail'd some time, then the wind changed and we had to row. we were left behind by all the boats. at length the wind increased so much that we went a shore and anchored off. the General who had putt on shore a mile further came down & had our boat taken up nearly a mile above where his Boat lay. we staid here the remainder of the day. in the evening we got orders to get under way at 12 OClock but that the General's boat would have a light in it and no boat should pass it. Wednesday 12th ab^t 4 OClock in the Morn^g we saw a boat with a light passing. we got off as soon as possible but all the boats were a great way a head of us the Wind was fair and we passed them all before we got to Point aux Pins the General desired us to Make the best of our Way up the Wind was fair and we got to Point a Pelé at night. here we went on shore to cook something for the men. as we understood a party of American Light horse had been there we patroled all night, not myself for I had not been well since I left port Talbot Thursday 13 Left Point au Pelé before day and arrived at Amherstburgh ab^t 8 OClock in the night. we were saluted by a Number of Indians encamped near Cap^t Elliotts. heard On our way up at a house we stop'd at to day, that the Americans had left Sandwich and returned to Detroit.

Saturday afternoon 15th Aug^t, 1812 the American Garrison was summoned to surrender by General Brock but refused. as soon as their answer came down to Gen. B. the artillery Officer went up to the battery opposite Detroit and [we] soon heard a firing commence which continued for a couple of hours. the party of the 41st which came up with us were called out, and 9 more of the Reg^t joined us we were then I think just 56 men including M^r Hamilton M^r Wilkinson &

¹⁹ Apparently Captain Peter Robinson of the First York Militia Regiment. He was born in New Brunswick in 1785 and died unmarried in Toronto in 1838. He commanded a rifle company at the capture of Detroit in 1812 and figured prominently in the defense of Mackinac against Colonel Croghan in 1814. In 1817, he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada. He later served as Commissioner of Crown Lands, and became the founder of Peterboro, Ont., which was named in his honor. See *ibid*.