

person more happy than he was to see us he was so overjoyed that he could hardly speak. *I have been told since that there were 32 p^s of cannon in all and about 2900 Stand of arms. There were a great many Waggons &c^a The numbers I do not know²⁶* We marched up to the Garrison the gun Brigade in front I believe there was—six pounders & the Ammunition Carts.[?] We marched into the town and from that up into Fort Lernow: but there were so many American Troops in it, that we could not all get in. I believe our marching in was improper, and that it was done by mistake, for we were but a few minutes there before we were ordered to march out. I really think there was while we were in the Garrison two Americans for one of us and they had still their Arms. we formed on the West side of the Fort in line, untill all the Americans had marched out, but I was so situated that I could not see them coming out. they did not march with the honors of War though I am told they were allowed to do it by the Capitulation but the Officers of the Am. Army were so mortified that they had to surrender without fighting that they were indifferent about it or anything else then. the American colours were flying nearly an hour after we first marched into the Garrison. After the Americans had all marched out, the Grenadiers & Light Infantry of the 41st Reg^t, and the Volunteers in that Reg^t, that is Mr George Hamilton²⁷ Wilkinson & myself And Jn^o Richardson; commanded by M^r Bullock of the Grenadiers, marched into the Fort, with Drum & fife, to the Tune of the British Grenadiers. I must say that I never felt so proud, as I did just then.²⁸ as soon as we were in the Fort, the American Colours were taken down and ours hoisted.

²⁶ The words in italics are crossed out in the original manuscript.

²⁷ George Hamilton, son of Robert Hamilton and Catherine Askin (for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 14, 188) was a captain in the Niagara Light Dragoons; like Askin, he participated in the Detroit campaign merely as a volunteer. He married Maria Lavinia Jarvis, eldest daughter of William Jarvis, first Provincial Secretary of Upper Canada, and a granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Peters of Connecticut Blue Law fame. On the outbreak of the War of 1812, Hamilton removed his wife and infant son from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Burlington Bay for safety from the enemy. Here he subsequently laid out the village (now city) of Hamilton.

²⁸ This narrative of the occupation of Fort Detroit may profitably be compared with that of John Richardson, another of Askin's grandsons, who participated in the event. See Casselman, *op. cit.*, 56-57.