

three days before the Action with boils and so ill with them that part of the time I could not even sit up in bed to eat my victuals. I was at George Hamilton's when the attack was made and had to get off as well as I could. I remained a short time in Queenston, but finding the enemy were getting the better of us I went to avoid being taken prisoner; an account of the battle is in one of the newspapers I sent you, therefore shall defer saying any thing more about it at present. Soon after it, an armistice was concluded which did not terminate until the 19th ult^o. Our batteries at Fort George the day after it's termination opened on Fort Niagara and a cannonade was kept up all day. some houses were burnt on the other side & about as many at Navy Hall. we lost two men Cap^t Fry a half pay Officer, and a Soldier of the 49th Reg^t and I believe the enemy lost but few. Some shots were fired from Queenston over to Lewiston but not returned. from that day we were quiet enough, except now and then a false alarm, until the 28th Ult^o, when 500 of the Enemy came over from Black Rock and landed near the Ferry below Fort Erie about 1 OClock in the morning most of them unobserved. They fired on our men at the Batteries who had only time to spike the Cannon and make their escape after defending themselves sometime but resistance was useless against such a force. some of the Royal Artillery were killed and some wounded. L^t King was severely wounded and taken prisoner and is since dead. about 40 of the 49th Reg^t and some militia attacked the Enemy and drove them once or twice; but at last met with a party from Fort Erie who were coming to our Support but not knowing in the dark friends from foes they fired on each other. M^r Langout of the 49th Reg^t was badly wounded with three balls he commanded a small party of his Reg^t but the Americans were among them and were supposed to be Indians for they all wore blanket coats, and looked so much like them in the day time that I am not surprised our men were deceived by them at night. The light company of the 41st Reg^t who were stationed on the River below the place of attack, met the enemy when marching up to aid the 49th Reg^t. They did not know they were the Americans until the word of command was given make ready, take aim. the Officer com-