

Naval Department on Lake Ontario have done nothing to boast of this War, and the Americans, unless other Officers & Crews are got for our Vessels will make themselves masters of that Lake next Spring. some merchant Vessels have been taken in Sight of the *Royal George* by small armed American Vessels and no exertion made to save them or rescue them. a Lieu^t of the British Navy arrived yesterday at Niagara who I believe will have the Command of One, and some others I believe, with a Crew from Halifax are coming, and four Vessels are ordered to be built at Kingston and two at York. There is no doubt but the Enemy will try every means in their power to make themselves masters of both Lakes Ontario & Erie.

No troops I believe are yet on their way here, though it has frequently [been] reported there were, except twenty of the Royal Artillery and an Officer who I believe are now on the road between Kingston & this. they are much wanted here, for though we have 2 Companies of militia Artillery on the lines, it's not enough and men from the 41st & 49th have sometimes to Assist in manning the Guns. Some troops, I saw in a Montreal paper today are on their march from Halifax to Quebec under the command of L^t Col. Hamilton of the 100th Reg^t, what number it is not said. I saw English papers as late as 25th Aug^t there is hardly any thing said about the War with the Americans, and I only see an account of one Reg^t going to Halifax I think its the 97th, though there are lists of the reinforcements going to Portugal & Spain. the papers are nearly filled with accounts of Lord Wellington's great victories in Spain and Portugal. a prayer has been ordered to be used throughout the United Kingdom of Eng & Ireland thanking the Almighty for our Successes in Spain particularly for the Victory over the French at the Battle of Salamanca. No more titles can be given Lord Wellington than he allready has; for he has Spanish & Portuguese ones enough to fill half a Sheet of paper near. I believe they are now at a loss to know what rewards to make him for his splendid achievements. S^t Regis a small Town in Lower Canada which was taken some time ago by the Americans, has lately been retaken by us, & a company of Americans were lately taken at a place called River Sable by a party of Militia. General