

Please give my love to my Dear Mother my Brothers & Sisters Believe me Dear Father

Your dutiful and affectionate Son

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BATTLE OF FORT GEORGE

Dundass Mills Head of the Lake

June 2^d 1813

Dear Father Your affectionate letter of the 2^d Ult^o was handed me at the 40 Mile Creek without a Cover by a Gentleman from Fort Erie who picked it up some where there, by mere accident, just before he retreated from that. You must no doubt before this have heard of our misfortunes in this Quarter. the loss of Fort George after an action which lasted only fifteen or twenty minutes, and our being obliged in consequence to evacuate the whole of our Fortifications, from that place to Fort Erie, and to destroy an immense quantity of Provision and other kinds of stores on our Retreat. On the night of the 24th Ult^o we commenced cannonading from the five Mile Meadow on some boats going down the River to Niagara, which was kept up on both sides for two or three hours. we recommenced again early the next Morning at some more boats going down; but the Enemy had a much superior Force in Artillery and set fire to Fort George, which was consumed and our troops were obliged to leave it. a great deal was burnt in it, which I am told could have been saved; but very little exertion was made to save anything. on Wednesday everything remained quiet. On Thursday 27th The morning was very foggy; and the Enemy began to move their fleet and one hundred and fifty boats which they had concealed behind Fort Niagara. two or three thousand of their men landed at the same moment at 2 Mile Run, where they were met by 350 of the Glengary Reg^t who suffered very much. the