

cans, commanded by Ensigns Slosser and Holmes,<sup>5</sup> with four battoes, and the former with eight battoes and one birch canoe, with the Mohawks, &c., making in all thirteen boats. Mr. Gambling sent me word he would be here to-morrow morning in order to accompany me.<sup>6</sup>

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Thursday [Sept.] 3d. At 4 o'clock I arose, and wrote Mr. Croghan a few lines by Mr. Gambling's canoe, to meet me about six miles this side of the fort with horses. I take Mr. Gambling in my boat. Fine morning, but cold, and the wind right ahead. Embarked at 7 o'clock and on our way passed several fine islands and drowned meadows. About twelve, came to the house of Mr. Jarves of the militia, which is the best house I have seen in the neighborhood.<sup>7</sup> Eat some melon there, and set

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<sup>5</sup> Francis Schlosser, son of the well-known Captain Joseph Schlosser, who built (1761) the fort on the Niagara frontier, entered the army as ensign of the Royal Americans in 1759. He was quite young, for while in command of Fort St. Josephs he was designated as "a boy." Considerable complaint of his conduct at that post is found—*Mich. Pion. and Hist. Colls.*, xix, pp. 139, 169. May 25, 1763, he was captured by hostile Indians, kept prisoner for nearly a month, and on June 14 exchanged at Detroit. Nothing further is known of his career. His father died at Niagara after 1772.

Robert Holmes joined the army as ensign in December, 1760. He arrived at Niagara July 12, and upon reaching Detroit was taken very ill. Upon his recovery, he was sent to relieve Lieutenant Butler of the rangers, at Fort Miami. There he was in command for about eighteen months. In March, 1763, he notified Gladwin of the plot among the Indians, but fell a victim thereto on May 27.—Ed.

<sup>6</sup> Johnson found Gamelin (see *ante*, p. 226, note 94) at Niagara, whence he had fled from Detroit upon a warning that that post was to be destroyed. He told Johnson that he would willingly return with him.—Ed.

<sup>7</sup> Probably a misprint for Janis. Nicolas François Janis was born in Quebec in 1720; some time before his twenty-fifth year he emigrated to Detroit, where in 1745 he married Thérèse Meloche. A stone-mason by trade, he assisted in building the Huron mission. In 1751 he rented the mission-farm; for the terms of this lease see *Jesuit Relations*, lxx, pp. 69-71.—Ed.