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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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**CAPTAIN COORE**, Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Sir George Prevost, Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Provinces in North America, arrived this morning with dispatches from the Lieutenant-General, addressed to Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of which the following is an extract and a copy.

My Lord, *Montreal, August 26, 1812.*

I FEEL the greatest satisfaction in transmitting to your Lordship a letter which I have this day received by express from Major-General Brock, announcing to me the surrender of Fort Detroit, on the 16th instant, by Brigadier-General Hull, with the army under his command, exceeding two thousand five hundred men, together with twenty-five pieces of ordnance.

In my dispatches of the 17th and 24th instant, I had the honour of detailing to your Lordship the operations which had taken place in Upper Canada, in consequence of the invasion of that Province by the army of the United States, Brigadier-General Hull having crossed the Detroit River on the 12th of last month, with two thousand three hundred men, consisting of regular cavalry and infantry, and militia, bringing with him several field-pieces; and having driven in the militia towards Amherstburg, first advanced to Sandwich, and afterwards approached Amherstburg with a part of his army to the River Canard, about five miles from the fort, where he was foiled in three attempts to cross that river, and suffered a considerable loss. The garrison of Amherstburg consisted at that time of a subaltern's detachment of the royal artillery, commanded by Lieutenant Troughton; of a detachment of three hundred men of the 41st regiment, under the command of Captain Muir, and of about as many of the militia; the whole under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Saint George, inspecting field officer of militia in the district.

General Brock, relying upon the strong assurances I had given him of a reinforcement as prompt and as effectual as the circumstances under which I was placed by this new war would permit me to send, adopted the most vigorous measures for the safety of that part of the frontier which had been attacked. In these measures he was most opportunely aided by the fortunate surrender of Fort Michilimachinac, which giving spirit and confidence to the Indian tribes in its neighbourhood, part of whom had assisted in its capture, determined them to advance upon the rear and flanks of the American army, as soon as they heard that it had entered the Province.

The certainty of the expected reinforcements, and the weakness of the enemy on the Niagara Frontier, had in the meantime induced Gen. Brock to detach from the garrison of Fort George fifty men of the forty-first regiment, under Captain Chambers into the interior of the country, for the purpose of collecting such of the Indians and Militia as might be ready to join him, and of afterwards advancing upon the left flank of the enemy. Sixty men of the same regiment were also detached from that garrison to Amherstburg, and forty to Long Point to collect the militia in that quarter. Having made these dispositions, and having previously sent forward Colonel Proctor of the forty-first regiment to Amherstburg, where he arrived and assumed the command on the twenty-sixth of last month, General Brock proceeded himself from York on the 5th instant, for Fort St. George and Long Point on Lake Erie, which last place he left on the 8th following for Amherstburg with forty rank and file of the forty-first regiment, and two hundred and sixty of the militia forces.

Whilst General Brock was thus hastening his preparations for the relief of Amherstburg, the prospects of the American army under General Hull, were becoming every day more unfavourable, and their situation more critical. The intelligence of the fall of Michilimachinac had reached them, which they knew must expose them to an attack of the Indians on one quarter, at the same time that they were