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COLONIAL DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, April 22, 1813.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is a copy, was this day received by the Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-General Sir George Prevost, Bart. Governor-General and Commander in Chief of the Forces in North America.

MY LORD, *Quebec, February 8, 1813.*

I HAVE the honour to congratulate your Lordship upon the signal success which has again attended His Majesty's arms in Upper Canada.

Brigadier-General Winchester, with a division of the forces of the United States, consisting of upwards of one thousand men, being the right wing of Major-General Harrison's army, thrown in advance, marching to the attack of Detroit, was completely defeated on the 22d January last, by Colonel Proctor, commanding in the Michigan territory, with a force which he had hastily collected upon the approach of the enemy, consisting of a small detachment of the 10th royal veteran battalion, three companies of the 41st regiment, a party of the royal Newfoundland fencibles; the sailors belonging to the Queen Charlotte, and one hundred and fifty of the Essex Militia, not exceeding five hundred regulars and militia, and about six hundred Indians; the result of the action has been the surrender of Brigadier-General Winchester, with five hundred officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the American army, and with a loss on their part of nearly the like number in killed and wounded. For the details of this affair, which re-

fects the highest credit upon Colonel Proctor for the promptitude, gallantry, and decision which he has manifested upon this occasion, I beg leave to refer your Lordship to his letter to Major-General Sheaffe, herewith transmitted.

I have also the honour of transmitting to your Lordship, returns of the killed and wounded on our part, and of the prisoners taken from the enemy, the latter of which, your Lordship will not fail to observe, more than exceeded the whole of the regular and militia force which Colonel Proctor had to oppose to them. Major-General Harrison, with the main body of his army, consisting of about two thousand men, was reported to be four or five days march distant from Brigadier-General Winchester's division, advancing in the direction of Detroit.

I think it not improbable that, upon hearing of the disaster of this division and the loss of his supplies, he may commence his retreat; but should he persevere in his endeavours to penetrate further into the Michigan territory, I feel the fullest confidence in the skill and bravery of Colonel Proctor, and the troops under his command, for an effectual resistance to every attempt of the enemy in that quarter.

A small detachment from the royal artillery at Fort George, with the light infantry company of the 41st regiment, have marched to reinforce Detroit; they are to be replaced on the Niagara frontier by troops now in motion from Montreal.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST,

To the Right Honourable Earl Bathurst,

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