

of the conquest of Canada for this campaign. I have also the honour of transmitting to your Lordship copy of a letter, with its enclosures therein referred to, addressed to Major-General De Rottenburg by Lieutenant-Colonel Morrison, in which you will see a further proof of the vigilance and activity of that officer, in executing the duty with which he has been entrusted; and I have the further pleasure to report to your Lordship, that a thirteen-inch iron, and a ten-inch brass mortar, with their stores, and a large supply of provisions, deposited by the American army at Ogdensburg, have been brought away from thence by Captain Mulcaster, of the navy, and landed at Prescott.

I have again witnessed, with peculiar satisfaction, the loyalty and active zeal with which all classes have been animated in their endeavours to oppose the threatened invasion of the enemy, and which I have great pleasure in reporting to your Lordship.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

Christler's, Williamsburg, Upper Canada,
SIR, *November 12, 1813.*

I HAVE the heartfelt gratification to report the brilliant and gallant conduct of the detachment from the centre division of the army, as yesterday displayed in repulsing and defeating a division of the enemy's force, consisting of two brigades of infantry, and a regiment of cavalry, amounting to between three and four thousand men, who moved forward, about two o'clock in the afternoon, from Christler's Point, and attacked our advance, which gradually fell back to the position selected for the detachment to occupy; the right resting on the river, and the left on a pine wood, exhibiting a front of about seven hundred yards.

The ground being open, the troops were thus disposed: the flank companies of the 49th regiment, the detachment of the Canadian Fencibles with one field piece, under Lieutenant-Colonel Pearson on the right, a little advanced on the road; three companies of the 89th regiment, under Captain Barnes, with a gun, formed in echelon with the advance on its left supporting it. The 49th and 89th, thrown more to the rear with a gun, formed the main body and reserve, extending to the woods on the left, which were occupied by the voltigeurs under Major Herriot, and the Indians under Lieutenant Anderson. At about half past two the action became general, when the enemy endeavoured, by moving forward a brigade from his right, to turn our left, but was repulsed by the 89th, forming in potence with the 49th, and both corps moving forward, occasionally firing by platoons. His efforts were next directed against our right, and to repulse this movement the 49th took ground in that direction in echelon, followed by the 89th; when within half musket shot the line was formed, under a heavy but irregular fire from the enemy.

The 49th was then directed to charge the gun posted opposite to ours, but it became necessary, when within a short distance of it, to check the forward movement, in consequence of a charge from their cavalry on the right, lest they should

wheel about, and fall upon their rear; but they were received in so gallant a manner by the companies of the 89th, under Captain Barnes, and the well directed fire of the artillery, that they quickly retreated, and by an immediate charge from those companies one gun was gained.

The enemy immediately concentrated their force to check our advance, but such was the steady countenance, and well directed fire, of the troops and artillery, that about half past four, they gave way at all points from an exceeding strong position, endeavouring by their light infantry to cover their retreat, who were soon driven away by a judicious movement made by Lieutenant-Colonel Pearson. The detachment for the night occupied the ground from which the enemy had been driven, and are now moving forward in pursuit.

I regret to find our loss in killed and wounded has been so considerable, but trust a most essential service has been rendered to the country, as the whole of the enemy's infantry, after the action, precipitately retired to their own shores.

It is now my grateful duty to point out to your Honour the benefit the service has received from the ability, judgment, and active exertions of Lieutenant-Colonel Harvey, the Deputy-Adjutant-General, for sparing whom to accompany the detachment; I must again publicly express my acknowledgments. To the cordial co-operation and exertions of Lieutenant-Colonel Pearson, commanding the detachment from Prescott, Lieutenant-Colonel Pleaderleath, of the 49th, Major Clifford, of the 89th, Major Herriot of the Voltigeurs, and Captain Jackson of the Royal Artillery, combined with the gallantry of the troops, our great success may be attributed. Every man did his duty, and I believe I cannot more strongly speak their merits than in mentioning, that our small force did not exceed eight hundred rank and file. To Captains Davis and Skinner of the Quartermaster-General's department, I am under the greatest obligations, for the assistance I have received from them; their zeal and activity has been unremitting. Lieutenant Hagerman, of the militia, has also, for his services, deserved my public acknowledgments, as has also Lieutenant Anderson of the Indian department.

As the prisoners are hourly bringing in, I am unable to furnish your Honour with a correct return of them, but upwards of one hundred are in our possession; neither of the ordnance stores taken, as the whole have not yet been collected.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. W. MORRISON, Lieut. Col.
89th, commanding Corps of
Observation.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing.

Royal Artillery—2 rank and file wounded.
Royal Artillery Drivers—1 rank and file wounded.
49th Foot—1 captain, 1 drummer, 5 rank and file, 1 killed; 5 subalterns, 3 serjeants, 34 rank and file, wounded.
89th Foot—1 drummer, 4 rank and file, killed; 1 captain, 1 subaltern, 3 serjeants, 57 rank and file, wounded.