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We found in the Fort a detachment of the 40th regiment of American infantry, consisting of six officers, and about eighty men, under the command of Major Putnam, who surrendered themselves prisoners of war.

This Fort is situated on an eminence commanding the entrance to the anchorage, and within it is a blockhouse, and also four long eighteen pounders, one eighteen pound carronade, and four field pieces. The extent of the island is about four miles in length and two in breadth, and in a great state of cultivation. The militia amount to about two hundred and fifty, and the population is calculated at fifteen hundred.

We have also occupied Allens and Frederick Islands, so that the whole of the islands in this Bay are now subject to the British flag.

It is very satisfactory to me to add, that this service has been effected, without any loss or casualty among the troops employed in it.

To Captain Sir Thomas Hardy I consider myself under the greatest obligations; having experienced every possible co-operation, with an offer to disembark from his squadron, any proportion of seamen or marines which I considered necessary.

I beg to acknowledge my thanks to you in following your Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Oates, to accompany me upon this service. He has been of great assistance to me, and will have the honour of delivering this dispatch. He has also in his possession the colours and standard found in Fort Sullivan.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) A. PILKINGTON,  
Lieut.-Col. Deputy Adjutant General.

Lieut. Gen. Sir J. C. Sherbrook, K. B.

On board His Majesty's Ship Ramilies,  
SIR, off Moose Island, July 11, 1814.

AS we are perfectly apprised of the weakness of the fort and garrison under your command, and your inability to defend Moose Island against the ships and troops of His Britannic Majesty placed under our directions, we are induced, from the humane consideration of avoiding the effusion of blood, and from a regard to you and the inhabitants of the island, to prevent, if in our power, the distresses and calamities which will befall them, in case of resistance. We, therefore, allow you five minutes, from the time this summons is delivered, to decide upon an answer.

In the event of your not agreeing to capitulate, on liberal terms, we shall deeply lament being compelled to resort to those coercive measures which may cause destruction to the town of Eastport, but which will ultimately insure us possession of the island.

(Signed) T. M. HARDY, Captain of His Majesty's ship Ramilies.

(Signed) A. PILKINGTON, Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding,

To the Officer commanding United States Troops on Moose Island.

CONFORMABLY to your demand I have surrendered Fort Sullivan, with all the public property. This I have done to stop the effusion of blood, and in consideration of your superior force.

I am, Gentlemen, &c.

(Signed) P. PUTNAM, Major, commanding.

P. S. I hope, Gentlemen, every respect will be paid to the defenceless inhabitants of this island, and the private property of the officers.

To Captain Sir Thomas Hardy, commanding His Majesty's ship Ramilies, and Lieutenant-Colonel Pilkington, &c. &c. &c.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION for the Surrender of Moose Island, agreed to between Captain Sir Thomas Hardy, commanding the Naval Forces, and Lieutenant-Colonel Pilkington, commanding the Land Forces, on the Part of His Britannic Majesty, and Major Putnam, commanding on Moose Island, on the Part of the United States, July 12, 1814.

Art. I. The officers and troops of the United States, at present on Moose Island, are to surrender themselves prisoners of war, and are to deliver up the forts, buildings, arms, ammunition, stores, and effects, with exact inventories thereof belonging to the American Government, and they are to be transferred to His Britannic Majesty in the same manner and possession as has been held heretofore by the American Government.

Art. II. The garrison of the island shall be prisoners of war until regularly exchanged; they will march out of the fort with the honours of war, and pile their arms at such place as will be appointed for that purpose; the officers will be permitted to proceed to the United States on their parole.

Art. III. Every respect will be paid to private property found on Moose Island, belonging to the inhabitants thereof.

(Signed) G. NICOLLS, Lieut. Col. Royal Engineers.

(Signed) H. FLEMING SENEVOGA, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Martin.

(Signed) JACOB B. VARNUM, Capt. 40th Reg. United States Infantry.

(Signed) JOHN FILLBROWN, Capt. 40th Reg. United States Infantry.

Approved by us,

(Signed) T. M. HARDY, Captain of His Majesty's Ship Ramilies.

(Signed) A. PILKINGTON, Lieutenant-Colonel commanding.

(Signed) P. PUTNAM, Major, 40th Reg. United States Infantry.

East Port, July 11, 1814.

Return of Ordnance and Stores found in Fort Sullivan, surrendered to His Majesty's Forces under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Pilkington.

Iron Guns.

4 eighteen-pounders, with standing carriages, side