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## COLONIAL DEPARTMENT.

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**MAJOR ADDISON** arrived yesterday with a dispatch from Lieutenant-General Sir J. C. Sherbrooke, K. B. addressed to Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of which the following is a copy.

*Castine, at the entrance of the Penobscot, Sept. 18, 1814.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE now the honour to inform your Lordship, that after closing my dispatch on the 26th ultimo, in which I mentioned my intentions of proceeding to the Penobscot, Rear-Admiral Griffiths and myself, lost no time in sailing from Halifax, with such a naval force as he deemed necessary, and the troops as per margin\*, to accomplish the object we had in view.

Very early in the morning of the 30th, we fell in with the Rifleman sloop of war, when Captain Pearse informed us, that the United States frigate the Adams, had got into the Penobscot, but from the apprehension of being attacked by our cruisers, if she remained at the entrance of the river, she had run up as high as Hamden, where she had landed her guns, and mounted them on shore for her protection.

On leaving Halifax it was my original intention to have taken possession of Machias, on our way hither, but on receiving this intelligence the Admiral and myself were of opinion that no time should be lost in proceeding to our destination, and we arrived here very early on the morning of the 1st instant.

\* First company royal artillery, two rifle companies of the 7th battalion 60th regiment, 29th, 62d, and 98th regiments.

The fort of Castine, which is situated upon a peninsula of the eastern side of the Penobscot, near the entrance of that river, was summoned a little after sun-rise, but the American officer refused to surrender it, and immediately opened a fire from four twenty-four pounders upon a small schooner that had been sent with Lieutenant-Colonel Nicolls (commanding Royal Engineers) to reconnoitre the work.

Arrangements were immediately made for disembarking the troops, but before a landing could be effected the enemy blew up his magazine and escaped up the Majetaquadous River, carrying off in the boats with them two field pieces.

As we had no means of ascertaining what force the Americans had on this peninsula, I landed a detachment of royal artillery, with two rifle companies of the 60th and 98th regiments, under Colonel Douglas, in the rear of it, with orders to secure the isthmus and to take possession of the heights which command the town, but I soon learned that there were no regulars at Castine, except the party which had blown up the magazine and escaped, and that the militia, which were assembled there, had dispersed immediately on our landing.

Rear-Admiral Griffith and myself next turned our attention to obtaining possession of the Adams, or if that could not be done, to destroying her. The arrangement for this service having been made, the Rear-Admiral entrusted the execution of it to Captain Barrie, Royal Navy, and as the co-operation of a land force was necessary, I directed Lieutenant-Colonel John, with a detachment of artillery, the flank companies of the 29th, 62d, and 98th regiments, and one rifle company of the 60th, to accompany and co-operate with Captain Barrie on this occasion: but as Hamden is twenty-seven miles above Castine it appeared to me a ne-