

of His Majesty's reign, cap. 66, schedule A. did, at the time of their respective enlistments, engage to serve His Majesty for the limited periods therein respectively expressed, provided His Majesty should so long require the same, and for such further term, not exceeding three years, as should be directed by any Proclamation of His Majesty, provided always that in case of such direction, the said additional period should determine whenever six months of continued peace, to be reckoned from the ratification of any Definitive Treaty, should have elapsed subsequent to the expiration of such limited periods as aforesaid; and whereas His Majesty was pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing date the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, to direct that all soldiers then serving in His Majesty's army (the Veteran Battalions excepted), who had been enlisted for such limited periods as aforesaid, should continue to serve therein, for the space of three years after the expiration of such limited periods respectively, provided always that the said additional period should determine whenever six months of continued peace, to be reckoned from the ratification of any Definitive Treaty, should have elapsed subsequent to the expiration of such limited periods respectively; and whereas the war between His Majesty and the United States of America, unhappily continues to exist, soldiers enlisting as aforesaid, cannot claim the benefit of this provision, notwithstanding a Definitive Treaty of Peace, between His Majesty and His Most Christian Majesty was signed at Paris on the thirtieth of May last; and the ratifications thereof duly exchanged on the seventeenth of June following; We, taking the same into Our most gracious consideration, have therefore thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to publish this Proclamation; and We do hereby direct, that all soldiers now serving in His Majesty's army (the Veteran Battalions excepted), who have been enlisted for such limited periods as aforesaid, and whose services were extended by His Majesty's said Proclamation of the thirty-first of July one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, for the further term of three years, after the expiration of such limited periods respectively, the original period of whose services is not yet expired, shall be entitled to their respective discharges from the expiration of the several periods for which they were originally enlisted; and that all soldiers now serving in His Majesty's army (the Veteran Battalions excepted), who have been enlisted for such limited periods as aforesaid, and the periods of whose services were extended by His Majesty's said Proclamation of thirty-first July one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, for the further term of three years after the expiration of such limited periods respectively, and whose original periods of service for which they were enlisted are expired, shall be forthwith entitled to their respective discharges from and immediately after this Our Proclamation, notwithstanding the provisions of His Majesty's Proclamation of thirty-first July one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, this

twenty-fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

COLONIAL DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, November 26, 1814.

**A** DISPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received from Lieutenant-General Sir George Prevost, Bart. addressed to Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State:

Head-Quarters, Plattsburg, State of

My LORD, New York, Sept. 11, 1814.

UPON the arrival of the reinforcements from the Garonne, I lost no time in assembling three brigades on the frontier of Lower Canada, extending from the River Richelieu to the St. Lawrence; and in forming them into a division, under the command of Major-General De Rottenburg, for the purpose of carrying into effect His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's commands, which had been conveyed to me by your Lordship in your dispatch of the 3d of June last.

As the troops concentrated and approached the line of separation between this province and the United States, the American army abandoned its entrenched camp on the River Chazy, at Champlain; a position I immediately seized, and occupied in force on the 3d instant. The following day the whole of the left division advanced to the village of Chazy, without meeting the least opposition from the enemy.

On the 5th, it halted within eight miles of this place, having surmounted the difficulties created by the obstructions in the road from the felling of trees and the removal of bridges. The next day the division moved upon Plattsburg, in two columns, on parallel roads; the right column led by Major-General Powers's brigade, supported by four companies of light infantry and a demi brigade, under Major-General Robinson; the left by Major-General Brisbane's brigade.

The enemy's militia, supported by his regulars, attempted to impede the advance of the right column, but they were driven before it from all their positions, and the column entered Plattsburg. This rapid movement having reversed the strong position taken up by the enemy at Dead Creek, it was precipitately abandoned by him, and his gun-boats alone left to defend the ford, and to prevent our restoring the bridges, which had been imperfectly destroyed, an inconvenience soon surmounted.

Here I found the enemy in the occupation of an elevated ridge of land on the south branch of the Saranac, crowned with three strong redoubts and other field works, and block-houses armed with heavy ordnance, with their\* flotilla at anchor out of gun-shot from the shore, consisting of a ship, a brig, a schooner, a sloop, and ten gun-boats.

I immediately communicated this circumstance

\* The Saratoga, 26 guns; Surprise, 20 guns; Thunderer, 16 guns; Preble, 7 guns; 10 gun-boats, 14 guns.