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A DISPATCH has been received from Lieutenant-General Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. Commander of the Forces in Canada, dated 29th November 1837, of which and of its inclosures the following are copies:

*Head-quarters, Montreal,
November 29, 1837.*

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the General Commanding in Chief, that, since my dispatch of the 20th instant, the revolt has been rapidly extending, and that the Law Officers of the Crown, and the Magistrates of Montreal having applied to me for military force to assist the civil power in apprehending Mr. Papineau, and other traitors, who were supposed to be at the villages of Saint Denis and Saint Charles, I ordered strong detachments to support the Civil Authorities in the execution of their duty.

Saint Denis is seven miles to the northward of Saint Charles, on the right bank of the River Richelieu; the former sixteen miles from Sorel; the latter about seventeen from the ferry of Chambly, opposite Pointe Oliviere.

Colonel Gore and Lieutenant-Colonel Hughes, with five companies and howitzer, were ordered to proceed from Sorel to Saint Denis, and five companies and two guns to move from Chambly on Saint Charles, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Wetherall, of the Royal Regiment, accompanied by

two Magistrates, to execute the warrants against those individuals, charged with high treason; and it appeared probable, that the sudden appearance of the troops, at these points, and entering the villages nearly at the same time, would afford an opportunity of taking into custody the leaders of the revolt.

The Sorel detachment, under the superintendance of Colonel Gore, marched at ten o'clock on the night of the 22d, by a back concession road, to avoid the village of Saint Ours, occupied by the rebels, which increased the distance of the march.

The incessant rain, and almost impassable roads, so impeded the progress of the detachment, that he did not reach Saint Denis until half past nine on the morning of the 23d; the rebels on the approach of Her Majesty's troops commenced a heavy fire on them, from all the houses on the north side of the village, some of these were immediately taken by the light company of the 32d regiment, commanded by Captain Markham, but the fire from the howitzer having made little impression for several hours on a large stone building, strongly occupied, and the whole of the companies of the detachment being much exhausted, from the very long and difficult march of the previous night, Colonel Gore considered it necessary to return to Sorel.

Colonel Wetherall, with four companies of the Royal Regiment, and a detachment of the 66th regiment, and two six-pounders, passed the Richelieu by the upper ferry, at Chambly; the bad state of the roads, however, impeded his march, and prevented him proceeding further than Saint Hilaire, at