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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 7th December 1837, of which the following is an extract:

(Extract.)

*Head-Quarters, Montreal,
December 7, 1837.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the General Commanding in Chief, that Colonel Gore having received my instructions to move on St. Denis, and to attack the rebels occupying that village, he marched from Sorel on the 1st instant, with eight companies under his command, and three field pieces. The rebels on the approach of Her Majesty's troops abandoned their position and dispersed, leaving the arms and ammunition which they had collected in the village.

Colonel Gore, being informed that the principal leaders of the rebels had retired to St. Hyacinthe, marched to that town, by St. Charles, on the 4th instant, but on ascertaining that Wolford Nelson, Papineau, and the other leaders of the revolt, had made their escape, he returned to St. Charles.

It appears, from the report of Colonel Gore, which is annexed, that the habitants, in the neighbourhood of St. Hyacinthe, have returned to their homes; and I am persuaded that the march of the

troops through that part of the country has already produced a good effect.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. COLBORNE, Lieut.-Gen.

*Major-Gen. the Right Hon. Lord FitzRoy
Somerset, &c. &c. &c.*

(Copy.)

SIR, *Montreal, December 7, 1837.*

I HAVE the honour to report that I arrived at Sorel on Thursday evening, the 30th of November, with the force under my command*. On the morning of the 1st of December I attempted to break through the ice in the Richelieu, with the steam boat John Bull, but on proceeding a mile, found it impracticable, when I landed and proceeded to St. Ours, where I halted for the night, and proceeded on the following morning on the road to St. Denis, which I entered without opposition, that place having been abandoned the night before.

The property of the rebel Wolfred Nelson was, in the course of the day and next morning, destroyed, and also the fortified house and all the defences.

On the morning of the 4th I marched on Saint

* Royal Artillery, 1 howitzer; 24th regiment, 1 company; 32d regiment, 4 companies; 66th regiment, 2 companies; 83d regiment, 1 company.