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DISPATCHES, of which the following are copies, have been received from Lieutenant-General Sir John Colborne, G. C. B. Commander of the Forces in Canada, dated Montreal, 17th and 18th November, 1838:

*Government House, Montreal,
November 17, 1838.*

My Lord,

IN my dispatch of the 11th instant, I mentioned the movements and projects of the rebels in L'Acadie, La Prairie, and Beauharnois, and the measures which I had adopted to check and disperse the rebel force collected at Chateaugay, Beauharnois, and Napierville. I have now the honour to transmit to you the several reports of the Officers who have been employed in command of the corps acting against the rebels; and to state, that their dispersion has been complete. I had reason to believe from the information which had been conveyed to me in regard to the extensive conspiracy that exists in the United States, in connection with the disaffected of these provinces, that the brigands enrolled in the states of Vermont and New York were prepared to take advantage of the movements of the insurgents to enter Lower Canada from Champlain and Alberg; I therefore made arrangements the day after the outbreak, to assemble a force that would enable me effectually to protect the province from the invasion of the brigands of the United States, and put an end to the outrages of the rebels.

On the 7th and 8th, the troops under the com-

mand of Major-General Sir James Macdonell, and Major-General Clitherow, had passed the St. Lawrence, and were concentrated at St. John's and L'Acadie, consisting of the 1st Dragoon Guards, 7th Hussars, Grenadier Guards, 15th; 24th, 71st, and 73d regiments, and two batteries of the Royal Artillery; and on the 9th marched in two columns towards Napierville, one by St. Valentine, opposite Isle-aux-Noix, to occupy the road leading from La Colle to the frontier; and the other by the direct route of L'Acadie. The columns entered Napierville nearly at the same time, and the rebels, who had been attacked and harrassed on the 7th and 8th by the volunteers of the La Colle frontier, assembled at Odell Town, endeavoured to join their associates posted on the Chateaugay River; but, on hearing of the operations of the detachment 71st regiment and the Glengarry Militia at Beauharnois and Chateaugay, they dispersed, and either returned to their homes or fled to the frontier. The detachment of the 71st regiment and the Glengarry Militia which I had ordered Major Phillpotts to assemble at Coteau du Lac, and to cross to Point Cartier, in Hungry Bay, passed Lake St. Francis on the 10th, under the command of Major Carnichael, (particular service); and after a march of 23 miles, drove the rebels out of Beauharnois before evening, and followed them towards the Chateaugay river. On the 11th Sir James Macdonell proceeded with his corps to St. Edouards and to St. Remi, on his receiving information that the rebels were still in possession of that village.