

ARNOLD'S LETTERS.

FORT WESTERN, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1775.

To his Excellency General Washington,

May it please your Excellency :

I have ordered James McCormick, the criminal condemned for the murder of Reuben Bishop, on board the schooner Broad Bay, Capt. Clarkson, with directions for him to be delivered to Capt. Moses Nowell, at Newburyport, who has orders to send him to your Excellency. The criminal appears to be very simple and ignorant; and in the company he belonged to, had the character of being a peaceable fellow. His place of residence is North Yarmouth, was drafted out of Col. Scamman's regiment, Capt. Hill's company, where his character may be fully known. I wish he may be found a proper object of mercy; and am

With the greatest respect,

Your excellency's most obed't humble servt.

B. ARNOLD.

FORT WESTERN, 27th SEPT. 1775.

To Capt. Moses Nowell :

SIR—You are hereby ordered to receive from Capt. James Clarkson, one James McCormick, a criminal condemned for the murder of Reuben Bishop, and him safely convey under a proper guard, to his excellency Gen. Washington at Head Quarters.

I am your humble servt.

B. ARNOLD.

FORT WESTERN, 28th SEPT., 1775.

Mr. Nathaniel Tracy :

DEAR SIR—This will be handed you by Capt. Clarkson, who will acquaint you with the particulars of our voyage, which has been very troublesome indeed. To Capt. Clarkson I am under many obligations for his activity, vigilance, and care of the whole fleet, both on our passage and since our arrival here; for which he may very possibly be blamed by some of the other captains; but he has really merited much, and it will always give me sensible pleasure to hear of his welfare and success, as I think him very deserving.

I must embrace this opportunity to acknowledge the many favors received from you at Newbury—and am with my best respects to Mrs. Tracy, your brother, and Mr. Jackson, &c.

Dear Sir, yours &c.

B. ARNOLD.

FORT WESTERN, 29th SEPT. 1775.

Lt. Col. Enos :

SIR—You will forward on Capts. Williams and Scott's companies, with the remainder of Capt. McCobb's and any others left behind, as fast as possible. Order them to follow the route of the army and join at Chaudiere pond. You will bring up the rear and order on all stragglers, except those sick, which you will send on board the Broad Bay, Capt. Clarkson. Leave two or three men with the Commissary to assist him, and hurry on as fast as possible without fatiguing the men too much. Bring on with you all the carpenters of Capt. Colburn's company, and as much provision as the batteaux will carry. When the Indians arrive, hurry them on as fast as possible.

I am Sir, your humble servt.

B. ARNOLD.

FORT WESTERN, 29th SEPT. 1775.

Capt. Farnsworth :

SIR—You will forward on all the provisions here as fast as possible to Fort Halifax, and such as the batteaux carry on, order stored there. You will have two or three people left to

assist you. The sick you will order on board the Broad Bay, Capt. Clarkson, to be returned to Newbury. The * at Colburn's secure, and leave until the event of this expedition is known. Forward on all the new batteaux, poles, oars, pitch, nails, &c., that are or shall be procured, and as soon as you can, join the detachment. Leave particular directions with Mr. Howard to take care of the goods left.

I am Sir, your humble servt.

B. ARNOLD.

DEAD RIVER, about 160 miles from Quebec, Oct. 13, 1775.

DEAR SIR—I am now on my march for Quebec with about 2000 men, where I expect to have the pleasure of seeing you soon. This detachment is designed to co-operate with General Schuyler to frustrate the unjust and arbitrary measures of the ministry, and restore liberty to our brethren of Canada, to whom we make no doubt our exertions in their favor will be acceptable; and that we shall have their assistance, or at least their friendly wishes, as the expedition is undertaken at the request of many of their principal inhabitants. I beg the favor of you on receipt of this, which will be delivered you by one Eneas, a faithful Indian, that you would immediately write me by him of the disposition of the Canadians, the number of troops in Quebec, by whom commanded, and every advice you have received from Gen. Schuyler, and the situation of matters in general, what ships are at Quebec, and, in short, what we have to expect from the Canadians and merchants in the city. Whether any advice has been received of the march of this detachment. If any gentleman of my acquaintance will undertake to meet me on the road, he will be received with pleasure and handsomely rewarded.

The enclosed letter to Gen. Schuyler, I beg the favor of you to forward by express, which charge shall be reimbursed you with thankfulness.

I am, with much esteem, dear Sir,

Your friend and very humble servt.

B. ARNOLD.

JOHN MANIB, Esq., or in his absence to
 Captain WM. GREGORY, or
 Mr. JOHN MAYNARD.

DEAD RIVER, 160 miles from Quebec, Oct. 13, 1775.

DEAR SIR—I make no doubt his excellency Gen. Washington has advised you of his ordering me, with a detachment of the army at Cambridge, to march against Quebec; in consequence of which I left Cambridge on the 13th of September, and after a very fatiguing and hazardous march over a rough country up the Kennebec river, against a very rapid stream, through an uninhabited country, and meeting with many other difficulties which we have happily surmounted, we have at last arrived at the Dead River, which we have examined to Chaudiere pond; and hope in a fortnight of having the pleasure of meeting you in Quebec. Any intelligence or advice you can communicate will be gratefully received, as this detachment was intended to cooperate with your army.

I am, with much esteem, dear Sir,

Your most obed't humble servt.

B. ARNOLD.

*To the H'ble Major General and
Commander in Chief of the Northern Army.*

OCTOBER 13, 1775.

Lieut. Steel:

SIR—I have sent the bearer and another Indian to Quebec with letters, and must have John Hall, as he speaks French, to go to Sartigan with them, and get all the intelligence he possibly can in regard to the number of troops there, the disposition of the Canadians, and advice from Gen. Schuyler. When he arrives at Sartigan, he must employ some Frenchmen, that can be depended on, to go to Quebec with the Indians, to deliver their letter and to get an answer; for which purpose I have sent twenty dollars for him to take. Desire him to caution the Indians not to let any one know of our march, but to sound the inhabitants and find out how they stand affected, and whether our coming would be agreeable to them. If he does not choose to go alone, you must send a man with him, and both must return to us at Chaudiere pond as soon as possible; taking particular notice of the river, whether our batteaux can pass down.

I am Sir, your humble servant,

B. ARNOLD.

SECOND PORTAGE from Kennebec to the Dead River, }
 OCT. 13, 1775. }

May it please your Excellency,

A person going down the river presents the first opportunity I have had of writing your excellency since I left Fort Western; since which we have had a very fatiguing time. The men in general, not understanding batteaux, have been obliged to wade and haul them for more than half way up the river. The last division is just arrived except a few batteaux. Three divisions are over the first carrying place, and as the men are in high spirits, I make no doubt of reaching the Chaudiere river in eight or ten days; the greatest difficulty being, I hope, already past. We have now with us about twenty-five days' provisions for the whole detachment, consisting of about nine hundred and fifty effective men. I intended making an exact return, but must defer it until I come to Chaudiere. I have ordered the commissary to hire people acquainted with the river, and forward on the provisions left behind (about 100 barrels) to the Great Carrying place to secure our retreat. The expense will be considerable, but when set in competition with the lives or liberty of so many brave men, I think it trifling, and if we succeed, the provisions will not be lost.

I have had no intelligence from Gen. Schuyler or Canada, and expect none until I reach Chaudiere pond, where I expect a return of my express, and to determine my plan of operation; which, as it is to be governed by circumstances, I can say no more than if we are obliged to return, I believe we shall have a sufficiency of provisions to reach this place, where the supply ordered the commissary to send forward, will enable us to return on our way home so far that your excellency will be able to relieve us. If we proceed on we shall have sufficient stock to reach the French inhabitants, when we can be supplied, if not Quebec.

I am with the greatest respect,

Your excellency's most obed't h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

P. S. Your excellency may possibly think we have been tardy in our march, as we have gained so little; but when you

consider the badness and weight of the batteaux, and the large quantity of provisions, &c., we have been obliged to force up against a very rapid stream, where you would have taken the men for amphibious animals, as they were great part of the time under water; add to this the great fatigue in portage, you will think I have pushed the men as fast as could possibly have been. The officers, volunteers, and privates, have in general acted with the greatest spirit and industry.

Inclosed is a copy of my journal, which I fancied your excellency might be glad to see.

SECOND CARRYING-PLACE, OCT. 14, 1775.

Col. Farnsworth:

SIR—I wrote you on the road here to send forward to the great carrying-place all the provisions, and for that purpose to hire men on the river well acquainted with setting up. I have thought proper to write you again for fear my former letter should have miscarried. You will hurry on the provisions as fast as possible. We have now about twenty-five days' allowance. Hope before that is gone to be in Quebec. However, I think it necessary to have the provisions forwarded on, that our retreat may be secured in case of any accident.

I am Sir, your h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

THIRD CARRYING-PLACE, OCT. 15, 1775.

DEAR SIR—I forgot to desire you to send on the yoke of oxen to Dead River, as soon as can be, for I intend killing them there for the whole detachment. Your proposal in regard to Mr. North will be agreeable to me, if it is so to the detachment; but I am at a loss whether they will be fond of having an officer introduced not belonging to the detachment. When we arrive at the Dead River, will determine that matter, where you will hurry as fast as possible. There I design holding a council of war, and expect particular advice from Canada.

I am Sir, your most h'ble serv't.

LT. COL. ENOS.

B. ARNOLD.

THIRD CARRYING-PLACE, OCT. 15, 1775.

DEAR SIR—Yours of yesterday was this moment delivered to me. I had just wrote you in regard to Mr. North, and to forward on the oxen, &c. When I left the Carrying Place, I expected to have found some subaltern unwell, who might have been detained with fifteen or twenty men who were feeble and not so well able to proceed, yet capable of taking care of the sick, provisions, &c. If none such is sent back before you leave the carrying-place, you must order some subaltern to remain there, and have a batteaux at each lake. Give him orders to send the sick down, and take particular care of the batteaux left behind. The three first divisions have twenty-five days' provision, which will carry them to Chaudiere pond and back, where we shall doubtless have intelligence, and shall be able to proceed or return as shall be thought best. Give the officer who stays behind orders to send down the river and secure the batteaux a drift. I am dear Sir, your h'ble serv't.

COL. ROGER ENOS.

B. ARNOLD.

On the DEAD RIVER, 20 miles above the Portage, }
 Oct. 17, 1775. }

DEAR SIR—I arrived here last night late, and find Col. Green's division very short of provisions; the whole having only four barrels flour and ten barrels of pork. I have therefore ordered Major Bigelow, a Lieut., and thirty-one men out of each company, to return and meet your division, and bring up as much provisions as you can spare, which is to be divided equally among the three; in particular of flour. This will lighten the rear, and they will be able to make greater dispatch and will be no hindrance, as I shall keep the men here making up cartridges. I make no doubt you will hurry on as fast as possible.

I am with esteem dear Sir,

Your h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

N. B. If you find your men much fatigued and this party can bring on more of your provision than their share, let them have it;—you shall have it again when you come up, and it will

forward the whole. The carpenters of Colburn's company have more than they can bring up.

Oct. 17, 1775.

Major Bigelow :

SIR—you are as soon as possible to go back until you meet Col. Enos's division, and take from him as much provision as he can spare, which you will return with as soon as you can. Leave your batteaux this side of the carrying place, and one man to take care of the whole. I am Sir, your h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

DEAD RIVER, 30 miles from Chaudiere Pond, Oct. 24, 1775.

DEAR SIR—The extreme rains and freshets in the river have hindered our proceeding any farther. When I wrote you last, I expected before this to have been at Chaudiere. I then wrote you that we had about twenty-five days' provisions for the whole. We are now reduced to twelve or fifteen days, and don't expect to reach the pond under four days. We have had a council of war last night, when it was thought best, and ordered, to send back all the sick and feeble with three days' provisions, and directions for you to furnish them until they can reach the commissary or Norridgewock; and that on receipt of this you should proceed with as many of the best men of your division as you can furnish with fifteen days' provision; and that the remainder, whether sick or well, should be immediately sent back to the commissary, to whom I wrote to take all possible care of them. I make no doubt you will join with me in this matter, as it may be the means of preserving the whole detachment, and of executing our plan without running any great hazard, as fifteen days will doubtless bring us to Canada. I make no doubt you will make all possible expedition.

I am dear Sir, your's

COL. ENOS.

B. ARNOLD.

DEAD RIVER, 24th Oct. 1775.

DEAR SIR—The heavy rains which have lately fallen and rendered the river almost impassable, with many accidents, have

so far retarded our proceeding, that I find it necessary for the safety of the detachment, to send back the sick, and to reduce the detachment so as to leave fifteen days' provisions for the whole, which I make no doubt will enable us to reach Canada. Those who are sent back you will take all possible care of, and supply with provisions, &c. and send back to Cambridge as soon as possible.

I wrote to you the 14th instant to send forward to the Great Carrying-place all the provisions you had. This I make no doubt you have done, to secure our retreat.

I am dear Sir, your obed't serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

DEAD RIVER, 30 miles from Chaudiere, OCT. 24, 1775.

DEAR SIR—Enclosed is a letter from Col. Enos, and also one from the commissary, by which you will see our present situation and the necessity of sending back all the sick and feeble of your division, and proceeding on with the best men, and fifteen days' provisions for each. You will, after perusing the letter, (if Col. Enos has not joined you,) send them down the river, with all your sick, &c. Pray hurry on as fast as possible.

I am with esteem dear Sir,

Your h'ble serv't.

COL. GREEN.

B. ARNOLD.

OCT. 27, 1775, 2 1-2 miles on the GREAT CARRYING-PLACE.

GENTLEMEN—I arrived here late last night. Capt. Hanchet informs me the roads through the woods are well spotted, and not so bad but men will make greater despatch than by water. The carrying-places from lake to lake are so many and difficult, that I think the whole will get forward much sooner by leaving all the batteaux. If there are any people sick, you will perhaps be under a necessity of bringing on some batteaux. We are now near by the stream which is about six miles to the lake. I believe the walking here is pretty good, if you go a little back from the stream. When you arrive at the lake the walking is very good; the land rises gently with a good road, I am told good all the way down.

I have heard nothing from Jackson. Lieut. Steele has gone over the pond. His party are here and most of them going forward. I shall proceed with what men I have as fast as possible, to the inhabitants, to send back provisions. Pray make all possible despatch, I am Gent. your h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

*To Col's Green, Enos, and the
Captains in the rear of the detachment.*

CHAUDIERE POND, 27th Oct., 1775.

May it please your Excellency,

My last, of the 13th inst. from the Portage to the Dead River, advising your excellency of our proceedings, I make no doubt you have received. I then expected to have reached this place by the 24th, but the excessive heavy rains and bad weather have much retarded our march. I have this minute arrived here with seventy men, and met a person on his return, whom I sent down some time since to the French inhabitants. He informs me they appear very friendly, and by the best information he could get, will very gladly join us. He says they informed him Gen. Schuyler had had a battle with the regular troops at or near St. Johns, in which the latter lost in killed and wounded, near 500; (this account appears very imperfect) and that there were few or none of the king's troops at Quebec, and no advice of our coming.

Three days since, I left the principal part of the detachment about three leagues below the Great Carrying-place; and as our provisions were short, by reason of losing a number of loaded batteaux at the falls and rapid waters, I ordered all the sick and feeble to return, and wrote Col's Enos and Green to bring on in their divisions no more men than they could furnish with fifteen days' provisions, and to send back the remainder to the commissary. As the roads prove much worse than I expected, and the season may possibly be severe in a few days, I am determined to set out immediately with five batteaux and about fifteen men, for Sartigan, which I expect to reach in three or four days, in order to procure a supply of provisions and forward back to the

detachment: the whole of which I don't expect will reach them in less than eight or ten days. If I find the enemy are not apprised of our coming, and there is any prospect of surprising the city, I shall attempt it as soon as I have a proper number of men up. If I should be disappointed in my prospect that way, I shall wait the arrival of the whole and endeavor to cut off their communication with Gov. Carleton, who, I am told, is at Montreal.

Our march has been attended with an amazing deal of fatigue, which the officers and men have borne with cheerfulness. I have been much deceived in every account of our route, which is longer, and has been attended with a thousand difficulties I never apprehended; but if crowned with success and conducive to the public good, I shall think it but trifling.

I am with the greatest respect,

Your excellency's most obed't h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

P. S. As soon as I can get time, shall send your excellency a continuation of my journal.

B. A.

CHAUDIÈRE RIVER, 27th OCT. 1775.

To the field officers and captains in the detachment:

N. B. To be sent on, that the whole may see it.

GENTLEMEN—I have this minute arrived here and met my express from the French inhabitants, who, he tells me, are rejoiced to hear we are coming, and that they will gladly supply us with provisions. He says there are few or no regulars at Quebec, which may be easily taken. I have just met Lt's. Steele and Church, and are determined to proceed as fast as possible with four batteaux and fifteen men to the inhabitants, and send back provisions as soon as possible. I hope to be there in three days, as my express tells me we can go most of the way by water. You must all of you keep the east side of the Lake. You will find only one small river until you reach the crotch, which is just above the inhabitants. I hope in six days from this time to have provisions half way up the river. Pray make all possible despatch.

If any companies on their arrival at the river have more than four or five days' provisions, let it be despatched to others, or left for their coming on. I am Gent. your h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

P. S. The bearer, Isaac Hull, I have sent back in order to direct the people in coming from the Great Carrying-place to Chaudiere Pond. From the west side of the Great Carrying-place, before they come to the Meadows, strike off to the right hand and keep about a north and by east course, which will escape the low swampy land and save a very great distance; and about six miles will bring you to the pond. By no means keep the brook, which will carry you into a swamp, out of which it will be impossible for you to get.

CHAUDIÈRE POND, 27th Oct., 1775.

To Col. Enos :

DEAR SIR—Forward on the enclosed letter to his excellency Gen. Washington by express. If you have any officer who is not hearty and well, send him; and give orders to take particular care of the sick and those who are returning, as well as of any other matters that are necessary. I hope soon to see you in Quebec, and am,

Dear Sir, your humble servant.

B. ARNOLD.

SARTIGAN, Oct. 31, 1775.

GENTLEMEN.—I have now sent forward for the use of the detachment, five bbls. and two tierces and five hundred lbs. of flour by Lieut. Church, Mr. Barrin, and eight Frenchmen, and shall immediately forward on more, as far as the falls. Those who have provisions to reach the falls will let this pass on for the rear; and those who want will take sparingly as possible, that the whole may meet with relief. The inhabitants received us kindly, and appear friendly in offering us provisions, &c. Pray make all possible despatch.

I am Gent. yours &c.

Officers of the Detachment.

B. ARNOLD.

SARTIGAN, 1st Nov., 1775.

DEAR SIR—As I make no doubt of your being hearty in the cause of liberty and your country, I have taken the liberty to inform you that I have just arrived here with a large detachment of the American army. I have several times on my march wrote you by the Indians, some of whom have returned and brought no answer. I am apprehensive they have betrayed me. This will be delivered you by _____ on whose secrecy you may depend. I beg the favor of you, on receipt of this, to write me by the bearer the number of troops in Quebec and Montreal; how the French inhabitants stand affected; if any ships of war are at Quebec, and any other intelligence you may judge necessary for me to know. I find the inhabitants very friendly this way, and make no doubt they are the same with you. I hope to see you in Quebec in a few days. In the meantime I should take it as a particular favor if some one or two of my friends would meet me on the road, and that you would let me know if the enemy are apprised of our coming. Also the situation that General Schuyler is in.

Your compliance will much oblige, dear Sir,

Your friend and humble serv't,

B. ARNOLD.

SARTIGAN, 1st Nov., 1775.

To Major Meigs:

DEAR SIR—You may let each captain have about twenty or thirty dollars out of the money I gave you, as I suppose they will want a little pocket money for present use, and to supply their men. Keep a particular account of what you deliver and to whom.

Pray hurry on as fast as possible. I am just preparing to go down the river to make further provision for the army.

I am dear Sir, your h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

ST. MARY'S, 4 leagues from Point Levi, Nov. 7, 1775.

DEAR SIR—I wrote you the 13th of October, from the Dead River, advising you of my being there, with a large detachment

of the American army; and that I expected to reach Quebec in about a fortnight. The badness of the roads and weather prevented making the despatch I expected, and I am but just arrived here. Near one third of the detachment returned from the Dead River short of provisions. The remainder are here or within two days' march, and in good spirits. My letter of the 13th I sent by an Indian, who I believe has betrayed me, and given it up to some of the king's officers, as I find they have been some time apprised of our coming, and prepared to receive us, and I have received no answer. The canoes belonging to the French people on this side the river, are all taken away or destroyed to prevent our passing. This inconvenience is obviated, as we have those of our own. I am informed there are two frigates lying before Quebec. We have been very kindly received by the inhabitants, who appear very friendly, and willing to supply us with provisions. I intend crossing the St. Lawrence if possible, in two or three days, and if practicable to attack the city; though I am fearful of their being reinforced from Montreal, which may possibly put it out of my power: in which case I intend to march for Montreal, where I hope, if you have not already taken possession, I shall have the pleasure of seeing you. I make no doubt of every advice and assistance in your power.

I am dear Sir, very respectfully,

Your most humble servant,

B. ARNOLD.

ST. MARIE, 2 1-2 leagues from Point Levi, Nov. 8, 1775.

DEAR SIR—YOUR favor of the 29th ult. I received at 1 o'clock this morning, which gave me much pleasure. I heartily congratulate you on your success thus far. I think you had great reason to be apprehensive for me, the time I mentioned to Gen. Washington being so long since elapsed. I was not then apprised or even apprehensive of one half of the difficulties we had to encounter; of which I cannot at present give you a particular detail: can only say we have hauled our batteaux over falls, up rapid streams, over carrying-places; and marched through morasses, thick woods, and over mountains, about three

hundred and twenty miles; many of which we had to pass several times to bring our baggage. These difficulties the soldiers have, with the greatest fortitude, surmounted. About two thirds of the detachment are, happily, arrived here and within two days' march; most of them in good health and spirits. The other part with Col. Enos returned from the Dead River, contrary to my expectation, he having orders to send back only the sick, and those that could not be furnished with provisions. I wrote to Gen. Schuyler, the 13th of October, by an Indian, I thought trusty, enclosed to my friend in Quebec; and as I have had no answer from either, and he pretends being taken at Quebec, I make no doubt he has betrayed his trust, which I am confirmed in, as I find they have been some time apprised of our coming in Quebec, and have destroyed all the canoes at Point Levi, to prevent our passing. This difficulty will be obviated by birch canoes, as we have about twenty of them with forty savages who have joined us, and profess great friendship, as well as the Canadians, by whom we have been very friendly received, and who will be able to furnish us with a number of canoes.

I am informed by the French that there are two frigates and several small armed vessels lying before Quebec, and a large ship or two lately arrived from Boston. However, I propose crossing the St. Lawrence as soon as possible; and, if any opportunity offers of attacking Quebec with success, shall improve it, otherwise shall endeavor to join your army at Montreal. I shall, as often as in my power, advise you of my proceedings, and beg the favor of hearing from you by every opportunity. The enclosed letter to his excellency Gen. Washington, beg the favor of your forwarding by express.

I am, dear Sir, very respectfully,

Your most obdt. humble servant,

Brig. Gen. MONTGOMERY.

B. ARNOLD.

P. S. Since writing the above, I have seen a friend from Quebec, who informs me a frigate of twenty-six guns, and two transports with one hundred and fifty recruits arrived from St. Johns, Newfoundland, last Sunday, which, with the inhabitants who have been compelled to take up arms, amount to about three

hundred men; that the French and English inhabitants in general, are on our side, and that the city is short of provisions. I shall endeavor to cut off their communication with the country, and make no doubt, if no more recruits arrive, to bring them to terms soon, or at least keep them in close quarters, until your arrival here, which I shall wait with impatience; but if St. Johns should not have surrendered, and you can possibly spare a regiment this way, I think the city must of course fall into our hands.

B. A.

POINT LEVI, Nov. 8, 1775.

May it please your Excellency :

My last letter was of the 27th of October, from Chaudiere pond, advising your excellency that as the detachment was short of provisions, (by reason of losing many of our batteaux,) I had ordered Col. Enos to send back the sick and feeble, and those of his division who could not be supplied with fifteen days' provisions, and that I intended proceeding the next day with fifteen men to Sartigan, to send back provisions to the detachment. I accordingly set out on the 28th, early in the morning, descended the river, amazingly rapid and rocky, for about twenty miles, when we had the misfortune to stove three of the batteaux, and lose their provisions, &c., but happily, no lives. I then divided the little provisions left, and proceeded on with the two remaining batteaux and six men, and very fortunately reached the French inhabitants the 30th at night, who received us in the most hospitable manner, and sent off early the next morning a supply of fresh provisions, flour, &c., to the detachment, who are all happily arrived (except one man drowned and one or two sick—and Col. Enos's division, who, I am surprised to hear, are all gone back) and are here and within two or three days' march. I have this minute received a letter from Brig. Gen. Montgomery, advising of the reduction of Chamblé, &c. I have had about forty savages join me, and intend as soon as possible crossing the St. Lawrence.

I am just informed by a friend from Quebec that a frigate of twenty-six guns, and two transports with one hundred and fifty recruits arrived there last Sunday, which, with another small

frigate, and four other small armed vessels at the river, is all the force they have, except the inhabitants, very few of whom have taken up arms, and those by compulsion, who declare (except a few English) that they will lay them down when attacked. The town is very short of provisions, but well fortified. I shall endeavour to cut off their communication with the country, which I hope to be able to effect and bring them to terms, or at least keep them in close quarters until the arrivl of Gen. Montgomery, which I wait with impatience. I hope at any rate to effect a junction with him at Montreal.

I am, with the greatest respect,

Your excellency's most ob'd. servt,

B. ARNOLD.

POINT LEVI, 14th Nov., 1775.

DEAR SIR—The foregoing is a copy of my last by the two Indians you sent express the 29th ult., who, I hear this moment, are taken five leagues above this. Since which I have waited two or three days for the rear to come up, and in preparing ladders, &c. The wind has been so high these three nights past, that I have not been able to cross the river. I have nearly forty canoes ready, and as the wind has moderated, I design crossing this evening. The Hunter, sloop, and Lizard, frigate, lie opposite to prevent us; but make no doubt I shall be able to evade them. I have this moment received the agreeable intelligence, via Sorrell, that you are in possession of St. Johns and have invested Montreal. I can give you no intelligence save that the merchant ships are busy day and night in loading, and four have already sailed. I am Sir, your most humble servant,

Brig. Gen. Montgomery.

B. ARNOLD.

POINT LEVI, 14th Nov., 1775.

May it please your Excellency :

The foregoing is a copy of my last of the 8th inst, by an express sent me by Gen. Montgomery, who I am this instant informed was taken, fifteen leagues above this, on his return. I have waited three days for the rear to come up, and in preparing scaling-ladders. The wind has been so high these three nights, I

have not been able to cross the river, but it is now moderated, and I intend crossing this evening with about forty canoes. To prevent which, the Hunter, sloop, and Lizard, frigate, lie opposite—however expect to be able to evade them.

I have received the agreeable intelligence that St. Johns is in our hands and Montreal invested. The merchant shipping in the harbor, about fifteen, are loading day and night, and four have already sailed.

I am very respectfully, your excellency's
Most obed't and very humble servant,

B. ARNOLD.

POINT LEVI, 14th Nov., 1775.

SIR—I have this moment received a letter from the commanding officer at Sorrell, advising that Gen. Montgomery was anxious to hear from me. I wrote him the 8th instant by an Indian he sent express, who, I am informed, was taken on his return. The enclosed you will please to forward him by express.

I am, Sir, your h'ble serv't,

B. ARNOLD, *Commander of the forces before Quebec.*

*To the Commanding }
Officer at Sorrell. }*

COLVIL PLACE, 1½ miles from Quebec, 14th Nov., 1775.

DEAR SIR—I wrote you yesterday from Point Levi, by an express sent from Sorrell by Col. Easton, of my intention of crossing the St. Lawrence, which I happily effected between nine and four in the morning without being discovered, until my party of five hundred men were nearly all over, when a frigate's barge coming up, discovered our landing and prevented our surprising the town. We fired into her and killed three men. I am this minute informed by a gentleman from town, that Col. McClean had determined to pay us a visit this morning with six hundred men and some field pieces. We are prepared and anxious to see him. Others from town inform me that the inhabitants in general had laid down their arms. By the best information they are in the greatest confusion; very short of wood and provisions, much divided, and refused provisions from

the inhabitants; and, if blocked up by a superior force, must, as soon as the frost sets in, surrender. I have thought proper to despatch the bearer to inform you of my situation, as also with a request I have to make. I must refer you to him for particulars, as I have been so unfortunate in my former letters, I don't choose to commit every intelligence to writing; It is the current report here, that you have invested Montreal, and cut off their retreat. This I hope is true, and that I shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you here. I am, dear Sir, with great respect,

Your obed't, humble servant,

B. Gen. Montgomery.

B. ARNOLD.

P. S. Since writing the foregoing, the enemy found means to make prisoner of one of our sentinels. I immediately invested the town as near as possible with my troops, which has occasioned them to set fire to the suburbs of St. John, and several of the houses without the wall are now in flames.

B. A.

Capt. Hanchet :

SIR—The night we left you we had the good luck to get well over, undiscovered; but many of the men I expected are left behind. I should have sent the boats over again had the weather been suitable. I shall send them as soon as possible, and would have you send over all the men you have, as soon as possible, except sixty, with all the flour and pork you can spare, and as many ladders as you can send. Let the whole be collected at the mill if they cannot be sent over directly, so that we can take them off as soon as the weather serves. The people in town are in great confusion. Yesterday they took one of our sentinels, through his carelessness. We paraded and marched up within half a mile of the walls, and gave them three cheers, and were in hopes of their coming out, but we were disappointed. They fired about fifteen, twelve, and twenty-four pound shot at us, some of which we picked up, but did us no harm. They are much divided and short of provisions, and I believe, will not venture to come out or cross the river. I have not heard from Gen. Montgomery since we came over, but expect it every minute. Let the people know I shall be over and settle with them

very soon. Whenever the weather permits, send your boats over and let them land at Scillery, which may be done any time of day when the tide serves, as the frigate is down.

I am, Sir, your h'ble serv't, B. ARNOLD.

P. S. I forgot to tell you we fired on the frigate's barge and killed three men the night we came over.

SIR—I yesterday sent the enclosed with a flag and officer, who approaching near the walls of the town, was, contrary to humanity and the laws of nations, fired on, and narrowly escaped being killed. This I imputed to the ignorance of your guards, and ordered him to return this morning, and to my great surprise he was received in the same manner as yesterday. This is an insult I could not have expected from a private soldier; much more from an officer of your rank; and through me, offered to the United Colonies, will be deeply resented; but at any rate cannot redound to your honor or valor. I am informed you have put a prisoner taken from me, into irons. I desire to know the truth of this, and the manner in which he is treated. As I have several prisoners taken from you, who now feed at my own table, you may expect that they will be treated in the same manner in future as you treat mine.

I am, Sir, your ob't serv't,
To the H'ble H. T. Cramake. B. ARNOLD.

CAMP BEFORE QUEBEC, NOV. 14, 1775.

SIR—The unjust, cruel, and tyrannical acts of a venal British parliament, tending to enslave the American Colonies, have obliged them to appeal to God and the sword for redress. That Being in whose hands are all human events, has hitherto smiled on their virtuous efforts. And as every artifice has been used to make the innocent Canadians instruments of their cruelty, by instigating them against the Colonies, and oppressing them on their refusing to enforce every oppressive mandate; the American Congress, induced by motives of humanity, have at their request sent Gen. Schuyler into Canada for their relief. To cooperate with him, I am ordered by his excellency Gen. Washington to take possession of the town of Quebec. I do therefore in the

name of the United Colonies, demand immediate surrender of the town, fortifications, &c., of Quebec to the forces of the United Colonies under my command; forbidding you to injure any of the inhabitants of the town in their persons or property, as you will answer the same at your peril. On surrendering the town, the property of every individual shall be secured to him; but if I am obliged to carry the town by storm, you may expect every severity practiced on such occasions; and the merchants who may now save their property will probably be involved in the general ruin. I am Sir, your most ob't h'ble serv't,

Hon. HECT. T. CRAMAKE, }
Lt. Gov. of Quebec. }

B. ARNOLD.

CAMP BEFORE QUEBEC, NOV. 16, 1775.

DEAR SIR—My last was of the 13th inst. advising you of my crossing the St. Lawrence, and being before Quebec; since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you. I then informed you of my situation and prospects. Fearing that may have miscarried I have thought proper to despatch the bearer, a merchant of Quebec, and particular friend of mine, who has been kind enough to offer his service, and will inform you more fully than in my power to write. I am very anxious to hear from you, and much more so to see you here.

I am dear Sir, with great esteem

Your obed't h'ble servant,

Brig. Gen. Montgomery.

B. ARNOLD.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, NOV. 20, 1775.

DEAR SIR—I wrote you the 14th and 16th inst. from before Quebec, which I make no doubt you have received. I have this minute the pleasure of yours of the 17th inst., and I heartily congratulate you on your success and hope, (as fortune has been so far favorable, and is generally so to the brave,) it may in future be equal to your warmest wishes. It was not in my power before the 18th to make an exact scrutiny into the arms and ammunition of my detachment; when, upon examination, great part of our cartridges proved unfit for service, and to my great surprise we had no more than five rounds for each man, and near

one hundred guns unfit for service. Add to this many of the men invalids, and almost naked, and wanting everything to make them comfortable. The same day I received advice from my friends in town, that Col. McClean was making preparations, and had determined in a day or two to come out and attack us; and as his numbers were greatly superior to ours, with a number of field pieces, and the limits of Quebec were so extensive, I found it impossible entirely to cut off their communication with the country, without dividing the small number of men (about five hundred and fifty effective) so as to render them an easy sacrifice to the besieged. I therefore concluded it most prudent to retire to this place; and ordered the main body to march at three o'clock yesterday morning, and waited with a small detachment to watch the motions of the enemy until the main body was out of danger. They all arrived here last night. I have procured leather (and sufficient to shoe them all in a day or two) the only article of clothing to be had in this part of the country. Enclosed is a memorandum of clothing absolutely necessary for a winter's campaign, which I beg the favor of your forwarding as soon as possible. Should it be troublesome, I have desired the bearer, Capt. Ogden, to procure them, and some other articles the officers are in want of, and by the favor of your order to forward them on.

Capt. Napier, in the snow, and a small schooner passed us yesterday, and are now at Quebec. The two frigates were laid up the 18th, their guns and men all taken on shore. They are getting all the provisions they possibly can out of the country, and are doubtless determined to make the best defence.

From the best account I can get their force is about nineteen hundred men, viz :

Landed from the frigates and two transports	
from St. John,	150 recruits.
Col. McClean's Regiment,	170 regulars.
From the Lizard, marines and seamen	200
From the Hunter, sloop,	100
On board Capt. Napier,	150
Inhabitants, French and English, on their side,	130
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	900

Do. obliged to bear arms against their inclination, and who would join us if an opportunity presented,	600
Neutrals in town,	400
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	1900

You will from the above account be better able to judge of the force necessary to carry the town. If my opinion is of any service I should think two thousand necessary, as they must be divided at the distance of three or four miles to secure the passes effectually. And as there is no probability of cannon making a breach in the walls, I should think mortars of the most service, the situation for throwing shells being extremely good, and I think of course would soon bring them to compliance. If not, time and perseverance must effect it before they can possibly be relieved.

Col. Allen and his party have been sometime since sent to England in irons.—Mr. Walker I have not yet heard of. I have ordered Capt. Ogden to send down all the powder and ball on the road. If he should not be able to procure sufficient, I make no doubt of your forwarding it as soon as possible. The inhabitants are very friendly, and give all the assistance they dare to do at present. Had we a sufficient force to blockade the garrison I make no doubt of their coming to our assistance in great numbers. As it will doubtless take some time in bringing down your artillery, would it not be better, if you can spare them, to send down five or six hundred men, who, joined to my little corps, will be able to cut off their communication with the country.

I am dear Gen'l, with great esteem,

Your most obedient and very humble serv't,

B. ARNOLD.

P. S. My hard cash is nearly exhausted. It will not be sufficient for more than ten days or a fortnight; and as the French have been such sufferers by paper, I don't think it prudent to offer it them at present.

B. A.

MEMORANDUM—600 pr. coarse yarn stockings,
 500 yds. coarse woollen for breeches,
 1000 yds. flannel or baize for shirts,
 300 milled caps,
 300 do. mittens or gloves,
 300 blankets,
 Powder and ball,
 1 bbl. West India rum,
 1 do. sugar.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, NOV. 20, 1775.

May it please your Excellency :

My last of the 14th inst. from Point Levi, the same evening I passed the St. Lawrence without obstruction, except from a barge, into which we fired, and killed three men; but as the enemy were apprised of our coming and the garrison augmented to near seven hundred men besides the inhabitants, it was not thought proper to storm the place, but cut off their communication with the country, until the arrival of Gen. Montgomery. We accordingly invested the town with about five hundred and fifty effective men, took possession of a nunnery, and Col. O's house, about half a league from town. We marched up several times near the walls, in hopes of drawing them out, but to no effect, though they kept a constant cannonading and killed us one man. On the 18th, having intelligence that Capt. Napier in an armed snow with near two hundred men, having made his escape from Montreal, was very near, and that the garrison, furnished with a number of good field pieces, intended attacking us the next day. I ordered a strict examination to be made into the state of our arms and ammunition, when to my great surprise, I found many of our cartridges unfit for use, (which to appearance were very good,) and that we had no more than five rounds to each man. It was judged prudent in our situation not to hazard a battle, but retire to this place, eight leagues from Quebec; which we did yesterday, and are waiting here with impatience the arrival of Gen. Montgomery, which we expect in a few days. I have been obliged to send to Montreal for clothing for my people, about six hundred and fifty in the whole, who are almost naked,

and in want of every necessary. I have been as careful of cash as possible, but shall soon have occasion for hard money. As the French have been such sufferers from paper heretofore, and mine so large, I thought it not prudent to offer it them at present. I have written to Gen. Montgomery my situation and wants, which I expect will be supplied by him. Had I been ten days sooner, Quebec must inevitably have fallen into our hands, as there was not a man then to oppose us. However, I make no doubt Gen. Montgomery will reduce it this winter, if properly supported with men, which in my opinion cannot in the whole be less than two thousand five hundred, though it may possibly be effected with a less number. The fatigue will be severe at this season and in this inclement climate.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect,
Your excellency's most obed't and very humble servt.

B. ARNOLD.

Mem. sent in the foregoing—six hundred blankets, six hundred thick clothes, six hundred shirts, woolen, six hundred milled caps, six hundred do. gloves, six hundred do. hose, six hundred thick woolen breeches lined with wool or leather. B. A.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, 20th Nov., 1775.

GENTLEMEN—The bearer, Capt. Ogden, is a young gentleman of good and opulent family from Jersey, and a volunteer in the army. I have sent him to Montreal to procure some clothing, &c., for the army. If he has not cash sufficient for his purpose, any articles you are kind enough to furnish him with, you will please to place to my account, which I will see duly paid. If he has occasion for any goods out of your way, if you will be kind enough to recommend him, I will be accountable; or the persons who supply him may, by virtue of this letter, charge the same to me. I hope this will find you and family well; and am with much esteem,

Gentlemen, your most obed't h'ble serv't.

Messrs. Prince & Haywood, }
Merchants, Montreal. }

B. ARNOLD.

DEAR SIR—The bearer, Capt. Ogden, is a particular friend of mine and on business of mine. Any assistance or favor shown him, will be gratefully acknowledged by

Sir, your obed't serv't.

Pt. Aux Trembles, Nov. 20, 1775.

B. ARNOLD.

Mr. JOS. TERRY.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, Nov. 24, 1775.

GENTLEMEN—I was informed a few days since that all the ships at Quebec were laid up, and their guns taken out; of which I advised Gen. Montgomery; since which I find my information was premature. I am now informed by some of my officers, who have seen, that a large snow, supposed to be Napier, the Hunter frigate, and two small schooners, came up from Quebec this morning and now lie at Cape Rouge; I suppose with a design to interrupt our vessels or batteaux expected from Montreal. It is probable they will proceed higher up next tide; of which I have thought proper to give you notice by express, and advise your sending three or four boats ahead, at a proper distance, to give you timely notice of their approach.

I am Gent. your h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

*To the officers of the Continental Army, }
On their way from Montreal to Quebec. }*

POINT AUX TREMBLES, Nov 25, 1775.

GENTLEMEN— I wrote you last night (and sent a canoe up the river) of two large and two small vessels being anchored off Cape Rouge. This morning they have weighed and are now opposite this place, and will be able to proceed about one league higher up this tide. Their design is, doubtless, to proceed as high up as the foot of the Rissallien, or rapids above Cape Santé, four leagues above this place. I think it will be impossible for them to go higher up, without a strong easterly wind, or to stay there long, as the ice must certainly drive them away the first

cold weather. I make no doubt of your necessary precaution to avoid them; and am,

Gentlemen, your h'ble servant,

B. ARNOLD.

To the officers of the Continental Army, }
On the way from Montreal to Quebec. }

DEAR SIR—My last was the 20th instant, by Capt. Ogden, advising you that the two frigates were laid up and Capt. Napier's passed us for Quebec; since which I find the large frigate only laid up. Yesterday the Hunter sloop and Captain Napier in the snow, with a topsail schooner, came up as high as Cape Rouge, and this morning to this place. Their intention is, doubtless, to go up as high as the Rissallien, or rapids at Cape Santé, to interrupt your vessels and batteaux. I think it will be impossible for them to proceed higher without a strong easterly wind. I last night sent off an express by the river. Fearing that should miscarry, I have despatched my friend Halstead post, that your advance may have timely notice to take every precaution. My detachment are as ready as naked men can be, to march wherever they may be required; but are yet in want of powder, ball, &c., and some arms. The enemy are very busy in collecting provisions, fixing cannon on the walls, and putting themselves in the best posture of defence; but seem to be still wavering in their plan, as I am told this morning several ships are hauled into the stream for sailing.

With great esteem, dear Sir,

Your obed't and very humble servt.

Brig. Gen. Montgomery,

B. ARNOLD.

PT. AUX TREMBLES, }
 Nov. 25, 1775. }

POINT AUX TREMBLES, Nov. 25, 1775.

DEAR SIR—I am now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 18th instant and return you my thanks for the same. I congratulate you on your post, but am sorry to hear that Gen. Wooster and you are likely to stay at Montreal. I am waiting with great anxiety the arrival of Gen. Montgomery, when I

expect we shall knock up a dust with the garrison at Quebec, who are already panic struck. Had we been fortunate enough to have arrived ten days sooner, we should have met no opposition, and should, I make no doubt, have carried it as it was, if we had had ammunition. My brave men were in want of everything but stout hearts, and would have gladly met the enemy, whom we endeavored in vain to draw out of the city, though we had not ten rounds of ammunition a man, and they double our numbers.

I have gone through a variety of scenes since I saw you, an amazing deal of fatigue, trouble, and anxiety, but, thank God, am very hearty and well. Capt. Oswald begs you'd accept his compliments. Please make my compliments to Gen. Wooster and all enquiring friends; and accept the same from,

Dear Sir, your friend and very humble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, 27th Nov., 1775.

Lieut. Buell:

SIR—You will proceed with the miller, who will direct you where you will find some cattle, which you will bring to headquarters.

I am Sir, &c.

Your obed't servant,

B. ARNOLD.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, NOV. 27, 1775.

DEAR SIR—An incessant hurry of business since my arrival in Canada, has deprived me of the pleasure of writing you before this, to give you a short sketch of our tour, the fatigue and hazard of which are beyond description. A future day may possibly present you with the particulars.

The 15th September, left Cambridge; same night arrived at Newburyport. 18th, embarked and sailed. 19th, thick weather and gale of wind, which divided the fleet. 20th, arrived in Kennebec river. 21st, reached Fort Western. 25th to 29th, sent off one division each day with forty-five days' provisions. From 29th to Oct. 8th, the whole detachment were daily up to

their waists in water, hauling up the batteaux against the rapid streams to Norridgewock, fifty miles from Fort Western. From the 9th to the 16th, not a minute was lost in gaining the Dead River, about fifty miles. From the 16th to 27th we ascended the Dead River to Lake Megantic or Chaudiere pond, distance eighty-three miles. 28th, I embarked with seventeen men in five batteaux, being resolved to proceed to the French inhabitants and send back provisions to the detachment, who were nearly out, and must inevitably suffer without a supply. At ten we had passed on the lake thirteen miles long, and entered the Chaudiere, which we descended about twenty miles in two hours; amazing rocky, rapid, and dangerous, when we had the misfortune of oversetting and staving three batteaux, and lost all the baggage, provisions, &c. and with great difficulty saved the men. This disaster, though unfortunate at first view, we must think a very happy circumstance on the whole, and a kind interposition of Providence; for had we proceeded half a mile farther, we must have gone over a prodigious fall which we were not apprised of, and all inevitably perished. Here I divided the little provisions left, and proceeded on with two batteaux and five men with all possible expedition; and on the 30th at night, arrived at the first inhabitants, upward of eighty miles from the Lake, where I was kindly received. The next morning early sent off a supply of fresh provisions to the detachment by the Canadians and savages, about forty of the latter having joined me. By the 8th the whole arrived except two or three sick left behind. The 10th, I reached Point Levi, seventy-five miles from Sartigan, the first inhabitants; waited until the 13th for the rear to come up, and employed the carpenters in making ladders and collecting canoes; those on Point Levi being all destroyed to prevent our crossing. Having collected about thirty, we embarked at 9 P. M., and at 4 A. M. had carried over at several times five hundred men without being discovered.

Thus in about eight weeks we completed a march of near six hundred miles, not to be paralleled in history; the men having, with the greatest fortitude and perseverance, hauled their batteaux up rapid streams, being obliged to wade almost the whole way near one hundred and eighty miles, carried them on their

shoulders near forty miles, over hills, swamps, and bogs almost impenetrable, and to their knees in mire; being often obliged to cross three or four times with their baggage. Short of provisions, part of the detachment disheartened and gone back; famine staring us in the face; an enemy's country and uncertainty ahead. Notwithstanding all these obstacles, the officers and men inspired and fired with a love of liberty and their country, pushed on with a fortitude superior to every obstacle, and most of them had not one day's provision for a week.

I have thus given you a short but imperfect sketch of our march. The night we crossed the St. Lawrence, found it impossible to get our ladders over, and the enemy being apprised of our coming, we found it impracticable to attack them without too great a risk, we therefore invested the town and cut off their communication with the country. We continued in this situation until the 20th, having often attempted to draw out the garrison in vain. On a strict scrutiny into our ammunition, found many of our cartridges (which to appearance were good) inserviceable and not ten rounds each for the men, who were almost naked, barefooted, and much fatigued; and as the garrison was daily increasing and nearly double our numbers, we thought it prudent to retire to this place and wait the arrival of Gen. Montgomery, with artillery, clothing, &c. who to our great joy has this morning joined us with about three hundred men. We propose immediately investing the town, and make no doubt in a few days to bring Gov. Carlton to terms. You will excuse the incorrectness of my letter, and believe me with the greatest esteem,

Dear Sir, your friend and very h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, 27th Nov., 1775.

SIR—Yours of the 26th from Champlain, I received this minute, and have ordered a party of forty men to Grand Isle to escort the ammunition down. By no means venture by water, but on the receipt of this procure carts to bring down the whole. Pray make all possible despatch.

I am Sir, Your humble servant,

Capt. J. Dugan.

B. ARNOLD.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, 30th Nov., 1775.

DEAR SIR—My last was of the 25th inst. advising you of the Hunter sloop, Capt. Napier in the snow, and a schooner's, going up to Cape Santé. They have been there until this morning, when they came down and are now off this place under full sail down. It will be impossible for them to ascend the river again this season; so that your vessels, if you think proper to send them down, will run no risk, except of ice, and may be laid up in safety at Cape Rouge.

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you these ten days; and am very anxious for your safe arrival. The ammunition you ordered us has been strangely delayed, and is not yet come to hand, but hourly expected. On receipt of it I intend returning to my old quarters near Quebec.

Nothing has lately occurred worth notice, except the burning of Major Caldwell's house, supposed to be done by order of Gov. Carlton to deprive us of winter quarters. The inhabitants of Quebec are much disunited and short of provisions. We have many friends there, and if the place is attacked with spirit, I believe will hold out but a short time.

I am very respectfully,

Dear Sir, your most obed't humble servt.

Brig. Gen. Montgomery.

B. ARNOLD.

POINT AUX TREMBLES, 30th Nov., 1775.

GENTLEMEN—This serves to advise you that the armed ships in the river, which have been sometime off Cape Santé are now returned to Quebec; so that there will be no danger of your coming down in boats, or any kind of water craft, except that of ice.

I am Gentlemen, your humble servt,

B. ARNOLD.

*To the officers of the Cont. Army on their }
way from Montreal to Quebec. }*

POINT AUX TREMBLES, 30th Nov., 1775.

DEAR SIR—This will be handed you by Mr. Burr, a volunteer in the army, and son to the former president of New Jersey college. He is a young gentleman of much life and activity, and

has acted with much spirit and resolution on our fatiguing march. His conduct, I make no doubt, will be a sufficient recommendation to your favor.

I am dear Sir, your most obed't humble serv't.

Brig. Gen. Montgomery.

B. ARNOLD.

BEFORE QUEBEC, Dec. 5, 1775.

May it please your Excellency,

My last of the 20th ult. from Point Aux Trembles advising of my retreating from before Quebec, I make no doubt your excellency has received. I continued at Pt. Aux Trembles until the third instant, when, to my great joy, Gen. Montgomery joined us with artillery and about three hundred men. Yesterday we arrived here and are making all possible preparations to attack the city, which has a wretched, motley garrison of disaffected seamen, marines, and inhabitants, the walls in a ruinous situation, and cannot hold out long. Enclosed is a return of my detachment amounting to six hundred and seventy-five men, for whom I have received clothing of Gen. Montgomery. I hope there will soon be provision made for paying the soldiers, as many of them have families who are in want. A continual hurry has prevented my sending a continuation of my journal.

I am with very great respect,

Your excellency's most obed't h'ble serv't.

B. ARNOLD.

[The history of this expedition, so far as it can be gathered from the foregoing letters, terminates abruptly on the 5th of Dec., 1775, the date of the last of the series. A full account of the subsequent events will, however, be found in the journal prepared by President ALLEN, to which we have already alluded, and which immediately follows.]