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June 10. Arrived at Gib^a from Tarifa (where I had gone the day before to receive the Cat & forage money for myself & Tod) at 7 o'clock in the evening, & was surprized to find the Reg^t ordered for embarkation at 4 o'clock on the following morning.

June 11. at 4 A.M. embarked on board the Clifford Transport 460 with the following Officers

Captⁿ Elliott
— Mahon
— Brooker
Lieut. Popham
— Biggs
— Verie
— Brodrick
Ens^o Boyne
— Gibbons
— Dixon. the remainder

of the Regiment being on board the London 136 with one Company in each of the following. Frigates ordered to accompany us to Bermuda Iphigenia. Turquoise. Bacchante & Euryalus. at 4 P.M. sailed out of Gib^a Bay & passed outside the Gut during the night.

June 12. Lying to. at the Back of Spartel (Africa) in company with 5 Three Deckers bound to England under Ad^l. Dickmore, on the

arrival of the whole of the Convoy, the
Squad of large ships proceeded to England,
& our Convoy towards the South accompanied
by the Pandora Schooner of 60. (having with us
the 21st & 62^d Reg^t from Genoa & 2 Bataillons
of Artillery all under the command of
M. G. Gosselin) in all 26 sail the wind
fresh & fair which continued until.

June 10^o. When we came within sight
of the Island of Teneriffe (Canaries) at
4 in the afternoon. on Sunday Morning

June 19^o being under the excessive high
land it became calm so that we
could not anchor in Santa Cruz roads
until 4 P.M. when I went on shore &
was at a hop given by one of the Merchants
in the Evening.

20. On shore. a hop in the Alameda
in the night.

21. The Pandora sent to sea in chase of
a Yankee Schooner at the back of the
Island. Lt Col^l Ximenes gave a return
ball to the Natives this night. I did not go.

22^o Wednesday. Weighed & sailed with a

very light wind to pass round the
end of the isle. we did not loose sight
of the peak owing to the light winds
until

24. when we tacked & stood to the west.
for a week the wind was strong & we
made good way until

July 2. When it became nearly calm &
we fell in with great quantities of
floating weed & saw great numbers of
flying fish & Dolphins. the calm conti-
=nuing we made little way, the weather
excessive warm being within a degree or
two of the tropic. three days before we
made Bermuda the wind freshened to
^{in the Gale met the Surprise Frigate coming}
a Gale & became contrary, however on
July 29 we were in sight of Bermudas
& on July 30 being Sunday, anchored in
Murray's anchorage, opposite the Wells
here we found Ad. Sir. A. Cochrane in
the Tonnant 80 whom Master piloted us
in, the Royal Oak & several other Ships
of War, also M. G. Ross from Bordeaux

with the 4th 44th & 85th & Detachments
of Artillery, also two Fire & one Rocket
Ship. I forgot to mention we saw
only one Ship in our passage across the
Atlantic a Portuguese 50 Cays, from
Rio Janeiro no news. The Surprise
Frigate. joined us the Day before we
made the land.

Aug^r 3^o. Ad^r. Malcolm in the Royal Oak
sailed with M. G. Ross's Brigade joined
with our Artillery & the 21^o. Regt. to
the Chesapeake in all all of W. & Transp^o.
26 sail. on Saturday.

Aug^r 5^o. We sailed from Bermuda under
convoy of the Bacchant & Furieux. Frig.
also the Rover Sloop. W. for Halifax N. S.
two first Days, contrary wind, during
which a Swedish Brig passed thro' the
fleet. 2 Companies from Frigate in 24th Transport

Aug^r 10. Spoke a Spanish Ship bound
to Europe

Aug^r 12^o. A very thick fog.

Aug^r 13^o. Made the land. Cape Sable
N. S.

Aug¹⁴. Running in little wind.

15^o. Anchored in Halifax harbor
we remained on board until the 20th
when we received orders to disembark
& encamp between the town & point
pleasant.

21^o. Disembarked. a cold foggy day &
wet night. got cold & violent sore throat.

25^o. Embarked again for a secret expe-
-dition with the 62^o. 90^o & 2 rifle
companies of the 60th & a brigade of
Artillery. S^r J. Sherbrooke. Commanding.

29 & 62. on Brigade M. G. Gopelin
90 & 60. Col^l. Douglas. 90th. 2nd Brigade

26^o. Sailed under convoy of the Dragon
74 Ad^l. ~~Ad^l~~ Griffiths. the Bacchant &
Indymion Frigate & Sylph Sloop W.

On the Voyage we were joined by the
Tenedos Frigate, the Peruvian & Picton &
Sloop W. (Aug³⁰) & Bulwark. 74.

31^o. Made land ^{Martinique} Martinique's Islands
off Penobscot Bay. D. de l'Isle. P. of

Massachusetts. U. S. of America

Sep. 1. Stood straight up the Bay at Day-
-light the Tenedos leading at 9 A.M.
summoned the Fort of Castine which
refused to surrender, the flag of truce
returned & we stood on about 10 the
Yankees blew up the fort & set off.
at noon the 90th & Rifles landed & took
possession ^{without resistance} & all the Yankee Regts 30
miles higher up the River at Hampden.
at 4 P.M. the Battⁿ Companies of the
29th ordered to the other side of the Bay
to take possession of Belfast & cut off
communication with Boston. we landed
in the night without opposition &
amidst constant reports of the militia
being on the road to attack us remained
biting our nails &c. till.

Sep. 5. when we re-embarked, in the
mean time our flank companies
with those of the 62 & 90 with the rifles

proceeded up in pursuit of the ^{frigate} Adams
Yankee Frigate some Privateers &
Shipping to two towns called Bangor &
Hamperden where after a slight resist-
-ance from a Battery mounted by
the Sailors of the Rep^y of War they
took possession of a considerable number
of Ships, the Frigate & Privateers were
destroyed by Yankee himself however
the ransom it is said will be pretty
handsome.

Sept^r 6. Bunting down Penobscot Bay
with ~~the~~ contrary wind.

7. Got down at night and anchored:
in passing Camden this afternoon
saw in the town a number of Militia
with their Colors & parading.

8. Put to sea wind favorable and
strong accompanied by the Concord
& Bacchant Frigates & the Buffum
& Pelton Ships of War scarcely out

of the Harbor when the Hercules ² ¹
carried away her foretopmast and so
thick a fog came on we put back
into Owl's Bay. here the Bacchante
took Hoop & the hoops from the
Hercules on board, thick fog all day
9. put to sea wind scant

10. At Sea calm all day but at
Sun set anchored off Machias Bay
out all Boats & by ten the Regiment
with a Detachment of Artillery with
a 5² howitzer, 50 Rifles P.th Co.th &
some sailors to Coas the Gun when
at Owl's Bay
ashore & started thro' the wood to get
into the rear of Fort O'Brien which
commands the Mouth of the River
after marching or rather feeling our way
all night we charged into the Fort
at Daybreak ^{on the 11th} before they had time
to discharge their ready primed Guns
or to put on their cloaths however

they all escaped, but 1 Private &
the Capt. Surg. of the 40 U.S. I saw
found 1 Gun mounted in the fort
& 2 others 24 p^o in a battery below

we pursued
into the town
the Country
saw them running



the fugitives
four miles up
when we got
over the opposite
hill & sent a few shots after them.
the town surrendered & we took possession
of four field pieces & one tumbrel, &
some schooners in the River & all
public property

12th In Machias cutting up all
corners. Elliot detached after prize goods
saw last night. at noon disarmed
3 Companies of Militia.

13 Detached with Calvert's Company
to the Fort. Gun & Powder embarked
blew up the fort & burnt the Blockhouse
& Officers barrack.

14. Embarking the Pure Goods, our own Howitzer & the Pure Field pieces six Pascales have deserted since we arrived here
15. Marched down to the Harbour & embarked from a wharf under the fort. sailed in the evening.
16. Thick fog this morning strong gale with dangerous lee shore within a very few miles lost sight of both the Commodore (the Genesee) & the London, did not think it prudent to undress in case of accident
17. Fog thicker than ever tho' the wind a little abated, several hawks shot in the rigging one caught alive
18. Came into the harbor of Castine having met the Frigate at the mouth of the harbor; the London also came

in in the course of the Afternoon
19. Disembarked, the 98th embarking
at the same time to return to
Halifax

Several Days elapsed before
I could get into any quarters owing
to remaining on board with my
sick while all the best lands &
engaged every spare room. do not
do so any more.

Nov^r. 10 Embarked with Baker, Evans
& 40 of the L. I on board theadder
K. W. to proceed up the River in con-
-junction with the 62^d L. I. (which
marched by land) & being down from
Hampton a vessel sawsomed there
in Sep^r. but which sawsom has
not been paid. Weighed but could
not get out of harbor.

11. Weighed & by the help of the

ebb tide got round the point and proceeded up the River but the wind dying away did not get above 10 miles & anchored a little below Walden's Island.

12. Weighed & went with the tide & sweeps about 1 mile above Buckstown (4 miles) when tide ebbing we anchored again. in the afternoon went ashore to Buckstown.

13. A very stormy wet day with wind up the River so that the prize could not come down to us, tho' the Mast of the Brig had gone up for her last night.

14. Got the Brig up to Frankfort (4 miles) met the prize & on the

15. Got down with her to Buckstown to breakfast. went on shore with C. D. & Pearce, Col. Blommont breakfasted

on board the brig at G. Hill.
weighed & in passing the narrows
received 14 shots from the banks from
Yankees hid in the wood, it was
immediately returned by the 62. &
in a minute after by the Brig's
guns we heard no more of them
but for exercising the crew cont^d
firing round shot at all the
houses we passed on the Starboard
bank of the River, our good house
got three 12 & shot thro' it.
at 2 P.M. anchored in the harbor
& disembarked.

Dear Mrs Smith
Boston No 50

Sunday October 30

Maria Betoy } Miss May 24

John Small

Wellsfleet

England