

Dear Colonel

Was 2^d. Kanadasega Sept 8th 79 —

I return you my hearty thanks for the Letter
& News papers which I received safe by ~~the~~ Express —

— After the Battle of Newton we Marched in two
Days to Catharines Town at which place the Army
did not arrive untill 11 or 12 O'clock at night having
to march thro' a most dismal and dark swamp and
expecting every moment to receive a fire from the Enemy
— however we arrived and made ourselves as comfortable as
possible — here we halted to refresh one day — on 3^d Sept^r
we again Marched and in 3 days arrived at a considerable
Town called Hendai near 30 miles from Catharines — here
we ~~again~~ halted one day to refresh — on the 7th we Marched
and on the 8th arrived at the place, which is by far
the most considerable Town we have yet seen, containing
near 50 very good Houses, this about 18 Miles from
Hendai — From Catharines town we have for the
most part Marched near the side of a most beautiful
Lake called Seneca — which has a very small outlet
near this place running about N.W. & empties
itself in conjunction with the stream issuing from the
(Cayuga Lake) into a River near Oswego — from thence to
Lake Ontario &c. — Not a shot has been fired
at us on our March since Newton affair — The Enemy
have passed thro' this place several days before our
arrival but whether they are gone is uncertain — We
Deserters came to us from them at Hendai, & left them
near this place & informs they appeared much discouraged
acknowledging their defeat — says they were about 800
or 1000 strong near two thirds Indians — at this

place in one of the Houses we found a young white
Child which the Officer who found it value very
highly. — The Army draw but half Sallowana
supplying the other half with Corn Beans &c. — Yet
they ~~find~~ find it difficult to subsist as the quantities
of Corn &c. is very insufficient to supply them, except
at the Capital Towns. — We passed thro several
small places which I have not noticed ^{all} of very
little consequence. — This morning if the
weather permits (it having rained all night) we
shall March for Janasay about 60 or 70 miles
further, which I expect will be the extent of our
Movements outwards — at Janasay I cannot
doubt but they will oppose us in force as it is
not more than 70 or 80 miles from them to Niaga-
ra, when it is said they have a Large body of Indians
collected. — Our March since we left Catharines
Town has been thro the finest uncultivated country
that my Eyes ever beheld — scarcely a mountain
to be seen — The Lake is upwards of 30 miles in length
& about 5 or 6 in breadth — It is impossible to
describe its beauties —

Give my Compliments to Mr. Peck — Let him know
that never was a poor Devil so afflicted as myself
with the Infernal Scratch — It is a thousand
times worse if possible than when I started — Oh
the happy day that lights us to the Right about —
May you enjoy health & happiness is the wish of
your Obedient humble Servant Major

Major
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Colonel Israel Thrope
Commandant at
Fort Sullivan

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