



HEAD QUARTERS, QUEBEC,

Adj. Genls. Office, 13th Feby. 1814.

GENERAL ORDER.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN CHIEF and Commander of the Forces, has received the Report of Lieut Colonel Morrison, 89th Regt. to Lieut. Gen. Drummond, announcing the complete success of an enterprize which he had sanctioned, in consequence of having received information that the property belonging to British Merchants, captured by the Enemy near Cornwall, in October last, and which had been stipulated to be returned by a Capitulation, entered into on the 10th November following, by Judge Ogden and Mr. Richards on the part of the United States, and Lieut. Col. Morrison and Capt. Mulcaster, Royal Navy, on the part of the British Government, had not only been with held contrary to the faith of that Treaty, but had been removed to Madrid, on the Grass River, and was publicly advertised for sale, on Thursday, for the benefit of the American Government.

Lieut. Col. Morrison availed himself of a plan submitted by Capt. Sherwood of the Quarter Master General's Department, for the recovery of this British plundered property, and placed for that purpose under his command a detachment of a Subaltern Officer, two Serjeants and twenty rank and file of the Royal Marines, together with ten Soldiers of the Incorporated Militia of Prescott, under Capt. Ker. Captain Sherwood reports, that he crossed his small party to the Enemy's Shore, on the the night of the 6th inst. and marched through the village of Hamilton after midnight, and having taken necessary precautions, proceeded fourteen miles to the interior on the Grass River, where the Plunder was deposited; and having on his route impressed all the Sleighs and Horses he could find, he immediately took possession of the Property, which was left in the custody of the Collector, Richards' Son, who was secured, but afterwards released. The Sleighs being loaded at half past four, Captain Sherwood returned, and again passed through the village of Hamilton, of which not a single House was entered, nor did any individual suffer the slightest loss or insult in person or property; that officer having previously avowed the sole object of the expedition, and engaged that no molestation would be experienced by the inhabitants, if no opposition was offered on their part.—And so scrupulous has that officer been, in the observance of the strict injunctions he received from Lieut. Colonel Morrison to adhere to the spirit of forbearance prescribed by His Excellency in his Proclamation of the 12th January, that not being provided with sufficient means to remove the whole of the Property, Captain Sherwood left about twenty Sleigh loads of articles of minor value, and would not suffer the building that contained them to be set on fire, lest any private property should in consequence be destroyed.

The party returned at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, where their Boats awaited them, under the orders of Lieut. Sheaver, of the Dundas Militia. A few of the enemy's militia began to collect in the vicinity, but were soon dispersed by the detachment of Royal Marines, and did not again make their appearance. The whole of the party and Stores crossed over to Cornwall, without having experienced any loss or casualty.

His Excellency the Governor in Chief and Commander of the Forces, highly approves of the plan and conduct of this enterprise, as well for the judgment evinced in its arrangement, as for the promptness and spirit displayed in its execution, and most particularly for the extreme good order and regularity preserved, which reflects the highest credit on the discipline of the Troops, and on the skill and conduct of Capt. Sherwood.

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