

On the 8th of November, whilst the General was still at Crown-Point, he received the following account of the expedition on which he had sent Major Roger, again the Indian of Saint François. It was not till the twenty-second day after his departure that the Major came in sight of the place; and, by this time, his party, from various accidents in the march, was reduced to one hundred and forty-two men. However, he reconnoitred the town about eight in the evening, in hope of discovering an opportunity suitable to his number; and, agreeably to his wish, finding the Indian in a high dance, returned to his party at two, and marched them to within a few hundred yards of the town, where he eased them of their packs, and formed them for the attack. At half an hour after the sun-rise the next morning he surprised the town, when the inhabitants were all fast asleep, and fell on them so spontaneously, that they had not time to recover themselves and take arms for their defence. Some attempted to get to the water, and, by that means, make their escape; but they were quickly pursued by about forty of the Major's people, who sunk them and their boats. The remainder, in the mean time, set fire to all the houses except three, in which there was corn, which Major Roger thought proper to reserve for the use of his party; and the flames consumed many of the Indians, who had concealed themselves in the cellar and loft. By seven o'clock in the morning, the business was completely over. In this short period the English killed at least two hundred Indians, and took twenty of their women and children; but they brought away but a few. The rest were permitted to go where they pleased. Five English captives were likewise delivered from slavery, and taken under the protection of their countrymen; and all this with the loss of only one Indian killed, and Captain Ogden and six men wounded. Major Roger being informed by his prisoner that a party of three hundred French, with some Indians, were about four miles below him on the river, and that his boats were, besides, way-laid, and having reason to believe this information was true, as they told him the exact number of his boats, and named the place where he left them, he thought proper to consult with his officer concerning a retreat, especially as he had the same reason to believe that a party of two hundred French and fifteen Indians, had, three days before he attacked the town, gone up the river to Wigwam Martinique, on a suppo-

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po`tion of it, being the place he intended to attack. The result of thi` deliberation wa`, that there wa` no safe way to return but by No. 4, on the Conne{icut river: upon thi` he marched hi` detachment that rout for eight day` succe|sively, in one body, till, provi`on` growing scarce, near Amparamagog-Lake, he thought be} to divide hi` people into small partie`, giving guide` to each, with order` to rendezvou` at the discharge of the Amansook river into the Conne{icut river, a` he there expe{ed to receive a supply of provi`on` from the army, in consequence of a reque} he, on hi` setting out, had made to the General for that purpose ; for it wa` impos`ble for him, at that time, to tell which way he >ould be obliged to return. He then continued hi` march, and arrived at No. 4, on the 5th day of November ; fatigue, cold, and hunger, with the continual prospe{ of }riving, being hi` con}ant attendant`. But great a` the su@ering` of hi` party were, they were nothing when compared with those of another, commanded by Lieutenant George Campbell, then of the Ranger`. These were, at one time, four day` without any kind of su}enance, when some of them, in consequence of their complicated misery, severely aggravated by their not knowing whither the route they pursued would lead, and, of course, the little prospe{ of relief that wa` left them, lo} their sense` ; whil} other`, who could no longer bear the keen pang` of an empty }omach, attempted to eat their own excrement`. What leather they had on their cartouch-boxe`, they had already reduced to a cinder, and greedily devoured. At length, on the 28th of O{ober, a` they were cross`ng a small river, which wa` in some measure dammed up by log`, they discovered some human bodie` not only scalped but horribly mangled, which they supposed to be those of some of their own party. But thi` wa` not a season for di}in{ion`. On them, accordingly, they fell like Cannibal`, and devoured part of them raw ; their impatience being too great to wait the kindling of a +re to dres` it by. When they had thu` abated the excruciating pang` they before endured, they carefully colle{ed the fragment`, and carried them o@. Thi` wa` their sole support, except root` and a squirrel, till the 4th of November, when Providence condu{ed them to a boat on the Conne{icut river, which Major Roger` had sent with provi`on` to their relief, and which rendered tolerable the remainder of their journey to No. 4, where they arrived on the 7th of November.