

*Extract of a letter from General MONTGOMERY,
dated Camp near St. John's, Nov. 3, 1775.*

“ My dear General,

“ I have the pleasure to acquaint you, the garrison surrendered last night. This morning we take possession—Tomorrow I hope the prisoners will set off. Inclosed you have the capitulation, which I hope will meet with your approbation and that of the Congress. I have ventured to permit an officer or two to go to their families, which are in some distress at Montreal, upon their parole. They cannot do us any harm, and there would have been a degree of inhumanity in refusing them.

“ When we had played on the fort some hours from our battery of four twelve pounders on the East side, some prisoners arrived, who had been taken in an action with Gov. Carlton at Longueuil. He made an attempt to land with thirty four boats full of men. Warner's detachment, consisting of the Green Mountain Boys and second regiment of Yorkers, repulsed them with loss, took two Indians and two Canadians prisoners. We have buried three Indians, and it is supposed many in the boats must have been killed—We had not a man even wounded. This I believe is his last effort.

“ One of the abovementioned prisoners I sent into the fort, to inform Major Pickton of the circumstances of the action, that he might judge what prospect he could have of relief. It had the desired effect. The garrison having been on half allowance for some time.

“ I am making the necessary preparations to proceed immediately down to Montreal by way of La Prairie, as the enemy have aimed vessels in the Sorel.

“ Several men of rank in Canada are among the prisoners. I have permitted them to remain at Crown Point, till the return of two gentlemen, they sent to their friends for money, &c. They pleaded hard to return home, but they are too dangerous to let loose again.

“ Col. Easton and Major Brown with that corps, and Mr. Livingston, with I believe a thousand Canadians, are going towards the mouth of the Sorel, and pushing Col. Allen M'Clean before them. M'Clean had many Canadians, but they joined through fear of fire and sword.

“ —A good deal of Artillery Stores, but we have not time to ascertain them, I am, &c.

(Signed) RICHARD MONTGOMERY.