

THE
HISTORY OF BOSCAWEN

AND

WEBSTER,

FROM 1733 TO 1878.

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by terrible hardships, resulting in failure, the capture of nearly all of Arnold's command, and the death of Gen. Montgomery.

Dea. Jesse Flanders, John Flanders, Jr., and Nicholas Davis enlisted in Capt. Henry Dearborn's command, and were captured in the attack upon Quebec. They were kept in irons a short time, liberated on parole in August, 1776, and reached New York by sea September 25.

While in prison John Flanders kept a diary, which has been in part preserved. It contains a record of the weather from the first week in January, 1776, to April 25, together with a few items of interest, mostly written in *cypher*, the key to which has been discovered.

JOHN FLANDERS'S DIARY.

“Jeny 3d 1776

Cloudy & snowy in the morning & cleared off at Night we had 1 pint of water 1 pound of Boild Rice 1 pound of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ pound Pork.

Jeny 4 It snowed in the Morning blowy all Day we had 2 ounces of Butter 9 ounces pork 1 pound of Brown Bread

Jan 5 we have very good allowance salt maccaril with Butter

15 a Violent Coald Snow Storm

16 fair weather

17 Snowed all Day and the Night Before

18 cloudy & Look Likely for Suow & Cold

19 Cloudy & Somthing Cold

20 Snowed a littel the prisnors made to ascape & two was put in irons

21 Somting Modrit But cloudy Last night six of the sogers made thair acape five of the prisnors that was Listed in thair Sarvies one that Belongd to tham thay offered five Soos [*sous*] to any Body that would Return him.

March 27 clear and cold

28 raw cold but Plasant sun

29 clear and a warm sun.”

The diary here begins in cypher.

“boutat hist imew Eware desint omakeo uras Capeas w Ecouldg oto ti.”

[Translation.]

“Bout at this time we ware designed to make our escape as we could go to ti (Ticonderoga).

31 “tha yfound dou tour desin eand dw Ewar ethratue du st opu tu si niron S t ha y pu tal lth E Sar gen sta nde opril si niron.s.”

[Translation.]

“Thay found out our desine and we ware thratued to put us in irons they put all the sargents and corprils in irons.”

“April 1 the first day of A [April] I was put in irons with the rest of my company and many others.”

The prisoners were released on parole, August 1, were taken to New York by ship, and arrived in Boscawen September 25.

In December, 1775, additional soldiers were called for, and Nicholas Elliot, Moses Burbank, Benjamin Webster, and David Carter served during the winter in the siege of Boston.

1776. During the year soldiers were called for, for the defence of Ticonderoga from the threatened attack of Sir Guy Carleton, and twenty-three men enlisted.

Lieut. Enoch Gerish,	Joshua Danford,
Thomas Carter,	Isaac Davis,
Daniel Carter,	Lt. Samuel Fowler,
John Jackman,	Dea. Joseph Hoit,
James Gerald (died),	Col. Henry Gerrish,
Joseph Pearson,	Charles Greenfield,
John Muzzy,	John Hale,
John Flanders,	Samuel Jackman,
Friend Little,	Phineas Stevens (died),
Thomas Beadle,	Nathaniel Burbank,
Joseph Atkinson,	Joseph Couch.
Nathaniel Atkinson,	

NEW YORK CAMPAIGN.

Upon the evacuation of Long Island by Gen. Washington the militia were called out in the eastern colonies. Boscawen sent eight soldiers.

Capt. Peter Kimball,	Moses Morrill,
Lt. Benjamin Jackman,	Daniel Richards,
Ens. Samuel Ames,	Samuel Jackman,
Bitfield Plummer,	Cutting Noyes.

WINTER CAMPAIGN.

Boscawen furnished three soldiers for the winter campaign on the Hudson—Lieut. Winthrop Carter, John Uran, Samuel Burbank.