



Lt. A. Vidal, "Kingston Harbour, Lake Ontario, taken July 1815" (Courtesy Royal Military College)

responsible, moved the departing forces to Quebec. At Quebec, Owen had placed Captain Alexander Dobbs as acting transport agent. Dobbs was responsible for boarding and keeping track of the troops sent into transports headed for England. For general and staff officers, Owen was required to issue their passes to board transports for England.⁴¹

In April the task of moving troops from the Niagara peninsula began. As noted above, the *Prince Regent* was now serving as a troop transport.⁴² Owen sent 250 marines to Cornwall to help with the movement of the army and its material out of the province. Gunboats carried troops from Kingston to Prescott. On the back of the letter describing this activity an Admiralty minute noted that he was not charged with transporting the army. By the time this admonishment reached Owen the activity was completed.

In early June the Lake Ontario squadron were sent to carry the 6th and part of the 82nd Regiments from Niagara back to Kingston.⁴³ Before retrieving the troops going home, the Glengarry Light Infantry were to be carried to York, from which the Canadian Fencibles were to be delivered to Niagara. The *Prince Regent*, *Psyche*, *Montreal* and *Niagara* were sent. On leaving Kingston the *Prince Regent* ran aground, damaging its keel, and taking three days to get free. The four ships continued on their assignment and returned with the troops.

At the end of May, the twenty-three transports that had wintered at Quebec and the additional thirty, just arrived, prepared to board the 12,000 men, waiting to go home.⁴⁴ By July, Dobbs had another group, of just over 16,000 men, aboard transports, for their return home.⁴⁵ This group included officers, seamen, and marines from the Lakes service, and over 400 seamen who were former prisoner's

41 Foster to Owen, 26 May 1815, LAC, MSLB-Fo, RG 8, v. 1228, mfr. C3527, 98.

42 Owen to Croker, 2 April 1815, LAC, ADM 1/2262, mfr. B2635, 126-50.

43 Davies to E. Owen, 5 June 1815, LAC, ADM 1/2262, mfr. B2635, 263-7.

44 Drummond to Griffith, 26 May 1815, LAC, MSLB-Fo, RG 8, v. 1228, mfr. C3527, 99.

45 Drummond to Bathurst, 10 June 1815, LAC, MSLB-Fo, RG 8, v. 1230, mfr. C3528, 33-4; Drummond to Bathurst, 1 July 1815, LAC, MSLB-Fo, RG 8, v. 1230, mfr. C3528, 39-40.