

glad to see him, made several Friendly Speeches to him, and treated him very well by giving him a Dram to drink, Victuals to eat and the like, and told him that he might either stay there, or go to Canada which he this Examinant would choose, and that he should be well used, and this Examinant further saith that he continued at Venango for about the Space of three Weeks, after which he went from there among the Indians, and so to Fort du Quesne, and continued there and thereabout 'till after the Action between the Army under Command of General Braddock, and the french, and their Indians on the Banks of Monongahela, that this Deponent was not in the Action, but was at the place where the same happened about three Days after with several of the French and Indians, by whom he was informed that about 7 Days before the Action there was not above 500 Men at ffort du Quesne, and that about three Days before the said Action a Reinforcement of about 400 Men arrived at the said Fort.

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And this Examinant further saith that in the said Action there was about 600 french Men and 700 Indians, and that there was then left at the Garrison of ffort du Quesne, about 300 french Men, and 600 Indians, that the chief commanding Officer with two Captains of the french were killed and about 300 French Men & 260 Indians were killed and lost in the said Action that the Indians in the time of the said Action run away three times, and were followed by three french Cadets who could talk in their Language and persuaded them back every time that when the English retreated the French having spent all their Ammunition except about enough to fire one Round, and then was about to retreat but in seeing the English begin to leave the ffield, stayed 'till they got some of the Ammunition which the English left, and then pursued them as far as the River killing as many as they could: And this Deponent further saith that the French have settled about 200 Men at Buffeler's Fort, built at a place called the Licks, and that they are now about building a Town about three Miles from their ffort which as soon as they have done they are resolved to come down in Number 60. or 70: Men to make an Attack upon Virginia and Maryland.

His Excellency also laid before the Board the Information that the said Johnson had on Examination given since he was brought to Annapolis (viz'

The Information of William Johnson who having two Years resided among and associated with the french and their Indian Allies to the Westward surrendered himself in