

Calvert
Papers.

Capitulation

granted by Monsieur De Villier Captain & Commander of Infantry & Troops of his most Christian Majesty to those English Troops actually in the Fort of Necessity which was built on the Lands of the Kings Dominions, July 3 1754 at 8 o Clock at night, Viz.

As Our Intentions have never been to trouble the peace & good Harmony which reigns between the two princes in Amity but only to revenge the Assasination committed on one of our Officers Bearer of a Citation as appears by his writing; as also to hinder any Establishment on the Lands of the Dominions of the King my master; upon these Considerations we are willing to grant Protection or favour to all the English that are in the said Fort on the Conditions hereafter mentioned.

Article 1. We grant leave to the English Commander to retire with all his Garrison & to return peaceably into his own Country & promise to hinder his receiving any Insult from us French; & to restrain, as much as shall be in our power the Savages that are with us.

2. It shall be permitted him to go out & carry with him all that belongs to them except the Artillery which we keep.

3. That we will allow them the honours of War, that they march out with Drums beating, & a Swivel Gun, being willing to shew them that we treat them as friends.

4. That as soon as the Articles are signed by both parties the English Colours shall be struck.

5. That to morrow at Break of Day a Detachment of French shall go & make the Garrison file off & take possession of the Fort.

6. As the English have but few Oxen or Horses they are free to hide their Effects & to come again & search for them when they have got a sufficient number of Horses &c to carry them off & that for this End they may have what Guards they please; on Condition that they give their word of Honour not to work upon any Buildings in this Place or any part of this side the Mountains during the Space of one year to commence from this Day.

7. And as the English have in their Power, An Officer two Cadets & most of the Prisoners made in the Assasination of the Sieur De Jamonville they must promise to send them back with a Safeguard, to the Fort Du Gurne situated on the fine River & for surety of their performing this Article as well as the Treaty Mr Jacob Vambram & Robert Stobo both Captains shall be kept as Hostages till the Arrival of the Canadeans & French above mentioned. We obligc ourselves on our Side to give an Escort to return in Safety these two Officers; &