

Letter Bk. III with the Rear of the Troops under his Command which consist of about 800 Regulars & 2500 Provincials from the two neighbouring Colonies who are to be employed this Summer in building a respectable Fort on the Ohio & in destroying the three small ones which the Enemy still possess on that River between Lake Erie & the mouth of the Monongahela. The several Tribes of Indians in the neighbourhood of Pittsburg who were so troublesome to these Colonies have lately sent some of their Chief men to that Place to treat with the Commanding Officer & there is great reason to hope that they will all quit the French & henceforward trade only with the English. We have no later Advices from the Northward concerning the Motions of the Generals Amherst & Wolfe than were contained in the N York Gazette of the 2^d Inst, an Extract whereof containing the most material Articles of News I shall herewith send you tho in all probability you will at the same time receive by the Packet some Account of General Amhersts Success at Ticonderoga, & also News of a later Date from General Wolfe.

Original.

[Amherst to Sharpe.]

Camp at Tienderoga 27th July 1759

Sir,

On Saturday morning last I Embarked with the Army at Lake George: The next day Landed without Opposition, and proceeded to the Saw mills, & took post on the Commanding Grounds, meeting only a trifling Opposition from the Enemy. We lay on our Arms all Night, and Early on the 23^d We continued our March to this Ground, the Enemy having Abandoned the Lines without destroying them, first having Carried off their Effects as well as sent away the greatest part of their Troops: As soon as I was set down before the place, and after having reconnoitred it, I Ordered the Trenches to be Opened, and Batteries to be made, which were finished last Night, and were to have Opened at break of day, but the Enemy did not think proper to Wait till then, having about ten of the Clock Yesterday evening blown up a part of the Fort and made their Escape all to about 20 Deserters. Our Loss, considering the Fire we sustained, is inconsiderable; We have only Two Officers killed viz' Colonel Townshend, Deputy Adjutant General, & Ensign Harrison of Late Forbes's.

I Take the earliest Opportunity of Acquainting You with this, and of Assuring You that I Am, with great Regard,

Sir, Y^r most Obed^t Humble Serv^t

Jeff Amherst

The Hon^{ble} Gov^r Sharpe