

tried where the Fact shall really appear to have been committed.

I am Sir
Your most obedient
and most humble Servant
William Denny

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Original.

Camp at Crown Point August 13th 1759.

Dear Sir

On the fourth of this month, we took Possession of Crown Point the French having abandon'd & set Fire to the Fort, on the first or second, in which they did no great Damage for the Fort, was very trifling, the Figure a Square; Rampart 12 feet, Parapet about two Feet thick, the Ditch narrow, & shallow, & by all appearance they had no Artillery here; the Place being so little defensible it would scarce have been prudent to have trusted any in it. The Fort was situated close to the Water on a point of Land to the North East but commanded by all the Ground about it. The Lake at this pass I dont suppose is more than 250 yards, which I take to have been the principal Reason for placing the Fort so injudiciously.

After what I have said you will immediately conjecture we are going to improve on the Errors of our Enemy, who made no better use of this important spot, where so insignificant a Fortification could be esteem'd impregnable, & strike a Terror into all the Northern Colonies.

The Ground is mostly flat & something near a Peninsula, which extends for about 12 or 15 hundred yards or more Diameter three parts of the Circumference surrounded by the Lake on the East & North, & a large Bay stretching up the Westward, there are some Highths in the Middle, which we have chose to erect a Fort, (which are occupied by five Bastions) a Pentagon is to be the Form of it. & it will contain at least 1000 Men. The only Difficulty will be to finish it, for tho: tis to be logwork, yet digging the Ditches will be tedious, there being an Intire Bed of Stone, on three sides, after you have dug two feet of Earth. The Land about this extremely fertile.

As we want Intelligence from M^r Wolf, tis a Doubt whether we shall forward till his situation is known, of which Methods are taken to be inform'd, however a Report prevails in Camp that he has opend his Batteries as near as he would chuse, & every one who knows him says that must be point blank.

General Amherst is belov'd by the whole Army, his Success declares his Abilitys, & confirms the high Opinion I always conceived of him & often declared.