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[Denny to Sharpe.]

Philadelphia 13th August 1757

Sir

I this moment received by Express the inclosed Letters informing me of the Surrender of Fort William Henry on the morning of the 8th Instant and the Attack of Fort Edward on the 9th Instant in the Evening. I have no other particulars thⁿ are in these Letters. I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
William Denny

Governor Sharpe.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

Augst 13th 1757.

Sir

From the inclosed Copies of two Letters that were sent to Lieut^t Gov^r Delancey by General Webb's Aid de Camp & the Assistant Deputy Quarter Master Gen^l You will learn that Fort William Henry on Lake George is attacked by a very considerable Body of French Regulars Canadians & Indians who came by water from Ticonderoga & brought with them a large Train of Artillery. I understand that Lieut^t Colo Monro of Otways Regiment commands at the Besieged Fort & that Lieut^t Colo Young is also there, what Troops the Garrison consists of I know not but imagine it is composed of a few Regulars & the Rest Provincials. I think one might conclude from what is said in the two Letters abovementioned that the Men at this time under the Command of General Webb fall far short of the Number that His Ldp proposed to leave for the Defence & Protection of the Northern Colonies, the Garrisons of Fort W^m Henry & Fort Edward together do not it seems exceed 3700 men while the number of the Enemy is supposed to be 11000. Governor Delancey had embarked & sailed for Albany before the Express with his Letters arrived at N York but I cannot learn that any of the Militia from that City accompanied him or shewed any Readiness to march on this occasion. Governor Denny tells me that he has at length made a Definitive Treaty with the Delawares & their Confederates in the Name of His Majesty & on behalf of all his Subjects in America. He says the Indians expressed much Joy thereat & he seems persuaded that they will not break the Engagements which they have now entered into. They have been advised at N York that all the Vessels which sailed with