

Letter Bk. I. & required him to surrender as Your Ldp will see by his Letter in the inclosed Gazette. As the Commandant paid no Regard to the Summons the Enemy proceeded to open their Trenches & before the next Morning they had compleated two Batteries of 8 Guns & a Mortar each. General Webb was at this time with about 1500 Men at Fort Edward which is built on Hudson's River 14 Miles from Fort William Henry. He had been advised of the Enemy's Approach as soon as they appeared in Sight & had thereupon sent Expresses to the Governors of the severall Northern Provinces for Assistance but as the Militia were slow in their Motions he thought proper to send a Letter to Colo Monro on the 4th of Augst wherein he intimated that he was afraid it would not be in his Power to raise the Siege. Inclosed I send Your Ldp a Copy of this Letter which fell into the Enemy's hands but was by them sent with a Flag of Truce to the Fort in hopes that it would induce the Commandant of the Garrison to surrender. the Fort however held out till the 9th of August when Col^o Monro capitulated on the Terms mentioned in the inclosed Paper. the two 32 Lbrs. the two 18 Lbrs one of the 12 Lbrs, p. 308 the 6 Lbr, & the two Mortars that were in the Fort were bursted during the Siege & when it was given up there was only Ammunition enough left for 7 or 8 Rounds. Your Ldp will observe that both the Officers & Men that were in the Fort & with Col^o Young were to be permitted to take away their Baggage but the Morning after the Capitulation was signed & just as the Garrison was about to march out the Indians got in & plundered the Barracks, they then proceeded to plunder the Soldiers & to scalp all them that were sick & wounded & afterwards to strip the Officers among whom was the Gentleman who gives me this Account who with many others was carried by the Indians into the Woods & there left entirely naked. We have not yet received any authentic Account of the Numbers that were killed on either Side during the Siege but it is said that our Loss was pretty considerable. We were alarmed with an Account of the Enemys having since invested Fort Edward, but I am now informed by a Letter from Albany that their whole Army is returned to Crown Point having first entirely destroyed the Fort that they had made themselves Masters of. Your Ldp will naturally conclude that this Accident threw all the Northern Colonies into the greatest Consternation, their Militia were in Motion & a considerable Body of them joined General Webb but not till several Days after the Enemy had executed their Plan & gone off. It is supposed by some that the Apprehensions of Lord Loudoun's being designed agst Quebec hindered General Montcalm from prosecuting his Success,