

Boats landed with Troops and Artillery on the West Side of the Lake not far but in plain Sight from the Fort, the Communication is quite cut off between us, and a small Scout was sent out from this Place has just brought in a french Prisoner Lieutenant of the Canadians who informs us that their whole Force consists of 4000 Habitants, 4500, Indians and the rest Regulars with thirty six Pieces of Cannon and at least five Mortars, that there has been a continual Fire of Cannon and small Arms from Day Break 'till almost Sun set when it ceased, and we are at a Loss to know what has been the Issue of it, as our Force there did not exceed above two and twenty Hundred, we have some Fears it cannot have turned out in our Favour, we are here in no Condition to assist them having but about fifteen hundred Men in the Whole, all our Posts upon this River are called in, the Militia are very slow not having been joined by any of them yet. I should imagine your Presence and Authority might be of Service, the General begs you will let us have all the Reinforcement you possibly can as the Fate of this Colony depends upon it, and that you will write a Line to the other Governours to acquaint them herewith. I am S^r

Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

with great Respect

Your most obed^t humble Servant

Excuse the Hurry I write in G. Bartman Aid de Camp.

A true Copy examined by John Goodby

Copy examined by Rich^d Peters. Secretary.

Lieu^t Governour Delancy.

Philadelphia 13.. Aug^t 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 eighth Instant and the Attack of Fort Edward on the ninth Instant in the Evening, I know no other Particulars than are in those Letters.

I am S^r

Your most obed^t humble Servant

Governour Sharpe.

William Denny

New York 12.. Aug^t 1757:

Sir

We send you inclosed a Copy of a Letter we this Moment received by Express from the Lieutenant Governour by which you will perceiv how distressed we are on our Frontiers, and desire your Honor will immediatly send us what Assistance you can from your Government as the Fate of this