

Copy of the 30<sup>th</sup> Letter to Mr Calvert dated July 13<sup>th</sup> 1755  
transmitted by Capt. Spencer

The inclosed will shew you what is already done & now in Action to the Northward, the Papers from whence you have the Transcript were brought last Night by a Gent. who came immediately thither from New York. I apprehend the Accounts may be depended on & that you shall have the News confirmed by Express this Afternoon. A few Days since we were informed by Letters from the Camp that General Braddock with the Troops under his Command was the first July within 20 Miles of Fort Duquesne, which Place he hoped to see in 4 or 5 Days. They had lost only 4 Men on their March from Fort Cumberland & 3 of whom were scalped by Indians none carried off alive. No Enemy had been seen by them for 3 Days

Copy of the 31<sup>st</sup> Letter to Mr Calvert dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 1755  
transmitted by Capt. Spencer

This Morning rec<sup>d</sup>. from Alexandria a Copy of a Letter from which the inclosed is transcribed, as this is the only Intelligence we have rec<sup>d</sup>. of the Affair therein mentioned, as Col: James expresses himself in such general Terms I know not what to think tho' I am apprehensive that the Enemy have actually fallen upon the Army divided & defeated some or all of the Divisions. I have myself rec<sup>d</sup>. no Letter from the General or the Camp since that dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June but a Person belonging to the Train in a Letter to a Gent<sup>l</sup> of this Place dated the 1<sup>st</sup> of this Month at their Camp near the Great Meadows expresses himself in the following manner, On the 9<sup>th</sup> of last Month the whole Army (except 600 Men with Sir J. Chiswick who marched 2 Days before) went from Little Creek, & with infinite Difficulty thro' the worst Roads in the world arrived 10 Days afterwards at the little Meadows where an Alarm was made by Sir John & his Army encircling the whole Camp, here the whole halted 3 Days, then the next with his Party moved forward & the 2<sup>d</sup> Day after the General with 4 Howitzes & 12 Pounders & 3000 Men, besides Ammunition