

Account of what was left to the Enemy & destroyed by Colonel Dunbar
in Obedience to General Braddock's Order. I have not been able
to procure, but I have in general heard that the Enemy have taken
22 Carriages including the Train, 10 Wagon Loads of Ammunition
& 90 fat Oxen that were drove up two Days before the Engagement.
We cannot yet learn how great was the Number of the Enemy that
opposed the English ~~but~~ but it is believed was pretty considerable
tho' no Body will assert that he saw a hundred during the Action which
continued more than 3 hours. but it is not difficult to account for
this when they inform us that the Attack was made principally by Indians
& that they divided & posted themselves behind the Trees which grow
on the Eminencies that were on the Right Flank, in the Front of our
Men. Our Troops fired away all their Ammunition before they left
the field, but they did it with a good deal of Confusion & fear so
that many were destroyed, by the hands of their Friends, about 200 or 300
Stand of Arms are supposed to have fallen into the Enemy's hands with
every individual thing that had been carried over the Monongahela River
three quarters of a Mile from the western Bank of which the Action
happened. I have not lately received any Letter from the North, but the
Gazettes inform us that the Troops in Nova Scotia have succeeded to
their wishes having dispossessed the French of all the Forts that they
had built in that part of the Continent, & Pentecost hopes that Colonel
Johnson will reduce Crown Point, but indeed, I am not without some
Apprehensions on Governor Shirley's Account. The Possession of the
Lakes is of the greatest Importance to the French; the Well-being of
their more Southern & Inland Settlements depends entirely thereon.
Therefore I doubt not they will leave nothing unattempted to interrupt
his Operations & if possible make themselves Masters of Oswego Fort;
we are told that a great Number of the Indians & French Troops that
were at Fort Duquesne are gone upward with that Design & the
probability thereof inclines us to believe the Report. The Ships of