

care of perfecting them for him) to make out with all possible Dispatch. I have
not yet been able to get Partners Bill renewed, neither can I get a Bill of
Exchange to remit to Yourself at this time, but I shall be able to provide myself
within this Fortnight & will take care to send both by a Gentⁿ who will
sail hence about that time. I doubt not but You will long before You receive
this hear of Lord Loudon's safe Arrival, he is now at Albany & probably will
for some time continue there as the Provincials will not accept of the Assistance
or act in conjunction with any of the Regular Troops on the Expedition ag^t.
Crown Point. however His Lordship has disposed of two Regiments in such a
manner as to keep open the Communication between the Provincial Army &
Albany, & to cover their Retreat in case they should prove less successful than
they themselves expect. General Abercrombie is gone to Oswego but we fear that
as the French are superior on the Lake he will not be able to act offensively
this Season. Since I left the Frontiers an Accident has happened in Penn^a.
which has a good deal alarmed the Inhabitants; You may remember that
last Sept^r & Oct^r several Forts were ordered to be constructed on the Frontiers
of that Province & that a considerable Number of Men were voted by the
Assembly to garrison them & protect the Inhabitants, one of these Forts
called Fort Granville was built on Juniata about 20 Miles West of
the Susquehanna River & has been generally garrisoned with a Company
of 70 Men, during the time of Harvest large Detachments it seems have
been always out to cover the People while they were employed in securing
their Grain & at the time when the Fort was attacked there was but
a Subaltern & 25 private Men therein. The Party of French, Indians
who attacked it found means to set the Fort on fire & in attempting to
extinguish it the Subaltern & some Men were killed whereupon the rest
surrendered Prisoners at Discretion; the Enemy having utterly destroyed the
Fort erected a French Flag & were marching off with the Prisoners toward
the Ohio when one of them made his Escape, & by him we have the preceding
Account; I cannot learn what Number of the Enemy there was but we are told
that a French Letter was left near the place where the Fort stood. As I
apprehended that the French would in long reach their Indian Allies to
approach & set fire to our Wocados or Waddens. I thought proper to build