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Copy of the 62 Letter to M^r Calvert dated the 5th of Sept^r
& transmitted by.

Sir I doubt not but You will have heard before this reaches
You that we have lost Fort William Henry on Lake George.
It was invested the 3^d of August by an Army of about 12000 Men under
the Command of the Marquis of Montcalm, among these were Six
Regim^{ts} of Regular Troops from Europe & 2500 Indians, the Rest were
Canada Militia. They crossed the Lake from Ticonderoga in about 200
Boats & brought with them 20 Pieces of Cannon beside 12 Mortars & How-
itzers. They landed within Sight & at a small Distance from
the Fort which was immediately summoned to surrender. The Garrison
consisted of about 800 Men Regulars & Provincials under the Command
of Lieut^{Col} Munroe of General Otway's Regiment. There were in
the Fort two 32 Lbs two 18 Lbs two 12 Lbs one 9 Lb one 6 Lb, two
A Lbs one Howitzer & two Mortars, & Lieut^{Col} Young of the
Royal Americans was encamped with 1400 Men just without the Fort
& mounted on his Trenches 6 Pieces of Artillery that he had brought
from Fort Edward on the first Alarm of the Enemy's being in Mo-
tion. On the Return of the Officer with Col^l Munroe's Answer
to the Summons the French proceeded to open their Trenches & the
same Day raised two Batteries on each of which they mounted 3
pieces of Cannon & one Mortar. As soon as General Webb was advi-
sed of the Fort's being invested he dispatched Expresses to the Governors of
the several Northern Colonies soliciting Assistance but None arrived
time enough to be of the least Service to him. The Troops that were
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