

Royal Americans had encamped, with 1400 Men & intrenched himself just
without the Fort the Day before, it was invested which it was in the Morning
of the 3^d of August. There were in the Fort two 32 Lbs, two 18 Lbs, two 12
Lbs, one 9 Lbr, one 6 Lbr, two 4 Lbs, one Howitzer & two Mortars. Col. Webb
had also with him 6 Pieces of Artillery. The Army by which they were
besieged amounted to about 12000 Men among whom were six Regiments of
Regulars & 2500 Indians, the Rest were Militia from Canada & their Train
of Artillery consisted of 20 Pieces of Cannon & 12 Mortars & Howitzers. Soon
after the Enemy had landed General Montcalm sent an Officer to Col.
Monro & required him to surrender as Your Ldp. will see by his Letter in
the inclosed Gazette. As the Commandant paid no Regard to the Summons
the Enemy proceeded to open their Trenches & before the next Morning they
had completed two Batteries of 8 Guns & a Mortar each. General Webb
was at this time with about 1000 Men at Fort Edward which is built on
Hudson's River 14 Miles from Fort William Henry. He had been ad-
vised of the Enemy's Approach as soon as they appeared in sight of the
& had thereupon sent Expresses to the Governours of the several Northern
Provinces for Assistance but as the Militia were slow in their Motions
he thought proper to send a Letter to Colo Monro on the 1st of Aug^r which
in he intimated that he was afraid it would not be in his Power to raise
the Siege. Inclosed I send Your Ldp. a Copy of this Letter which fell
into the Enemy's hands but was by them sent with a Flag of Truce to
the Fort in hopes that it would induce the Commandant of the Garrison to
surrender. The Fort however held out till the 9th of August when Col. Monro
capitulated on the Terms mentioned in the inclosed Paper. The two 32 Lbs
the two 18 Lbs, one of the 12 Lbs, the 6 Lbr, & the two Mortars that were in