

the Fort were burst during the Siege & when it was given up there was only Ammunition enough left for 7 or 8 Rounds. Your Ldp. will observe that both the Officers & Men that were in the Fort & with Col. Young were to be permitted to take away their Baggage, but the Morning after the Capitulation was signed & just as the Garrison was about to march out the Indians got in & plundered the Barracks, they then proceeded to plunder the Soldiers & to scalp all them that were sick & wounded & afterwards to strip the Officers among whom was the Gentleman who gives me this account who with many others was carried by the Indians into the Woods & there left entirely naked. We have not yet received any authentic Account of the Numbers that were killed on either Side during the Siege but it is said that our Loss was pretty considerable. We were alarmed with an Account of the Enemy having since invested Fort Edward, but I am now informed by a Letter from Albany that their whole Army is returned to Crown Point having first entirely destroyed the Fort that they had made themselves Masters of. Your Ldp. will naturally conclude that this Accident threw all the Northern Colonies into the greatest Consternation, their Militia were in Motion & a considerable Body of them joined General Webb but not till several Days after the Enemy had executed their Plan & gone off. It is supposed by some that the Apprehensions of Lord Loudoun's being designed ag^t Quebec, hindered General Montcalm from prosecuting his Success, but it is not improbable that he was afraid General Webb would be immediately reinforced by the Militia of all the adjacent Colonies & that he declined attempting any thing farther till they should be recalled when he will perhaps return again which now the Enemy are absolute Masters