

a Step he would at least have kept the Enemy in Awe, &
have prevented their sending any Reinforcements either to
Fort Du Quesne, or Cape Breton. It is reported that some
of the Provincial Troops behaved ill, & that since the Arrival
Numbers of the New England Forces are gone home, if
this was really the Case, I doubt not but You will soon hear
it as one of General Abercromby's Aid de Camps is gone home
to represent Matters in their proper Light. We have Advice
from Phila. that Louisburg was not surrendered the 24th of last
Month. Several of the Enemy's Ships had been destroyed
in the Harbour by a Bomb Battery which our Troops had
erected on the Western Shore, & several Deserters had declared
that the Town was laid in Ashes but I cannot learn that
our Troops had ^{been} at that time carried on their Approaches
high enough to raise Batteries for making a Breach
nor can I find that the English had been at that time
able to make themselves Masters of the Island Battery
indeed if they had there is no Doubt but Part of our Fleet
would have run into the Harbour. You may remember
that in a Letter which You favoured me with some time
ago You said that Col: Henry had mentioned to You
his having some Claim on the late Lord Baltimore for at-
tending as a Commissioner when the Line was run from
Tenures Island & You told me that if he would write
more explicitly concerning that Matter You would lay it before
His Lop & endeavour to procure him Satisfaction, when he
was at Annapolis last Spring I communicated to him what
You