

Annapolis. July 13. 1765 — W^m Sharpe Esq

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By Letter from General Braddock's Camp dated the 24th of this Month we are informed that the Troops under his Command were at that time within 25 Miles of Fort Duquesne which they hoped to see in 4 Days from that time. They had lost only 4 Men on their March from Fort Cumberland by the Enemy. The Indians have not been quite so favourable to our Distant Inhabitants & those who dwell in the frontier Cities of Virg^a. We heard some time ago that 2 parties of them have been seen in that Dominion where they have cut off 9 Families & I have particular Acc^ts that 26 of our Back Settlers have been met with the same Fate. They are raising 2 Companies of Rangers in Virg^a. for the Protection of their Frontiers but in vain have I applied to our Assembly for means to protect ours also. Gov. Shirley with the Remainder of his own & Lt W^m Cope's Regiment sailed from New York for Albany about a week since. I suppose they are e'er this on their March to Oswego. From the Northern Gazette which are just brought hither we learn that the 3^d Regiment Troops that sailed to Nova Scotia in May had been joined by some of the Regulars there & had taken the French Fort lately called Beau Sejour, at the Head of the Bay of Fundy when it surrendered the 16th of June there were found therein 2 Cannon some of them 12 pounders together with a great plenty of Ammunition & Provisions. The two French Garrisons on Bay Verte had on the News of Beau Sejour's being taken sent to Capitan from Boston we are advised that one Capt Jones arrived there the 25th of June from Halifax & informs them that the 20th of that month Capt Spry in his Majesty's Ship Fogout brought in there the Alcide, a French Ship of War of 64 Guns taken by Admiral Boscawen's Squadron off Louisburg. The English Fleet had also taken the Lys a 74 Gun Ship with 8 Companies of French Troops on Board, several Officers & Engineers &