

make Acquaintance) the greatest Favour that You can do me is to admit me
Go into the Number & to believe that I shall always endeavour to
approve Myself worthy of the Appellation. With y^e most sincere Regard I am
Yours

To William Sharpe, Esq^r the 8th of Sept^r 1757.

Dear Brother -

I presume You will have heard before this can be delivered to You that we have had
Fort William Henry that was built two Years ago on Lake George. The Garrison
that was therein when the Enemy attacked it consisted as it is said of about
800 Men some Regulars the Rest Provincials under the Command of the Lieut^l Col^l
of Chazy's Regiment, & Lieut^l Col^l Young of the Royal Americans lay intrenched with
about 1400 at a small distance without the Fort. There were mounted in the Ramparts
two 32 Lbs, two 10 Lbs, two 12 Lbs, one 9 Lb, one 6 Lb, two 4 Lbs, one Howitzer &
two Mortars; Col^l Young had also with him six Pieces of Artillery. The Army by which
they were besieged was composed of six Regiments of Regular Troops from Europe, 2000
Indians & the Rest Militia from Canada, the whole near 12000 Men. They escaped Lake
George from Ticonderoga or Carillon in about 300 Boats & in the Morning of the 8th of
Aug^r landed within Sight of the Fort bringing with them a Train of Artillery consisting
of 20 Pieces of Cannon & 12 Mortars & Howitzers. As soon as they had invested the Fort
the Marquis of Montcalon who commanded on this Expedition sent a Summons to the Com-
mandant requiring him to surrender; this being disregarded he proceeded to open his Trenches
& before the next Morning the Besiegers had finished two Batteries of 8 Cannon & a Howitzer
each. On the first Appearance of the Enemy an Express had been sent to General
Webb who remained with 1600 Men at Fort Edward advising him thereof & he had
thereupon writ to the Governors of the several Northern Colonies acquainting them with
the Situation of Affairs & desiring them to order out the Militia to his Aid, but as none
joined him the next Day he thought fit to communicate the same to the Commandant
of Fort William Henry & accordingly the ^{Adjutant} Aid de Camp writ him a Letter to that pur-
port of which I inclose You a Copy, this Letter fell into the Enemy's hands but a