

should have any prospect of getting me any Part of what is due to
me. I will be so kind as to draw up such an Acco. from the inclosed
as You shall approve of & if thought necessary subscribe my Name
to it. I should I believe have extended my Acco. to at least 1000
had I invested all the Sums that I have paid at several times on Acco.
of the publick Service or which at least I should not have been liable
to the Payment of had there been no Troops employed in America
but as I did not disburse very large Sums at any one time beside those
which I have mentioned & a great part of what I have so expended
cannot be well brought under any particular Article I thought it
best to omit them & shall think myself extremely fortunate if by
Your means I shall ever get from the Govt. any considerable part
of the Money which appears to be due to me by the inclosed Account.

You have I doubt not before this time received particular Advice
of the Reduction of the French Fort at Niagara by Sir W. Johnson
& of the Enemy's having on the Approach of General Amherst thought
it prudent to abandon their Posts at Ticonderoga, Crown Point, & Quarts
which encourages even the General to hope that all Canada would be
reduced before the End of the Summer, such a Conquest however I am
afraid cannot be made this Campaign, as General Amherst was still at
Crown Point the 7th Inst. & not daring to venture down Lake Champlain
till he should have some Vessels Launch'd w^{ch} might be able to encounter
those which the French had before built on that Lake. The Siege of
Niagara was begun in a very lucky hour for had it been delayed
a Day or two longer the French & Indians who were assembled at
Yorango would have fallen down the Ohio & attacked Pittsburg
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