

The Garrison wherof was by no means formidable, far from being well supplied with Provisions & the Fort scarcely proof against Musquetry; Monq: Starwic was then on the Frontiers of Pens.; unable, as it was said to proceed for want of Waggons; soon after Niagara surrendered the Enemy's Forces on this Side, the Lakes being vastly reduced by their unsuccessful Attempt to raise the Siege of that Place they thought it was impossible for them to keep Post any longer on the Ohio if Monq: Starwic should choose to act offensively & therefore at once abandoned & destroyed their several Forts on the South Side of Lake Erie & on the Head Branches of the Ohio whereby they have left us Masters of that River with all the Country on this Side of it & the Indians seeing at length that the French cannot protect them are now become very tractable & quiet. I presume You receive Accounts of General Wolfe's Operations almost as soon as we get Advice of them & that before this can reach You You will know for certain what hath been or must be the Issue of the St Lawrence Expedition; however lest that should not be the case I shall inclose You a Gazette which contains the latest Articles of News that have been sent us from that River which shew I think that His Majesty's Troops in that Quarter have not been idle this Summer, but I am afraid they are not sufficiently numerous for the Service on which they are employ'd & as to a Junction between Mr Wolfe & General Amherst this Campaign I suppose there is not now any room to hope for it.

To Mr Pitt. Annapolis the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1759

Sir In the Letter which I had the honour of addressing to You the 10<sup>th</sup> of April I informed You that upon the Receipt of Your Lett: dated the 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec: last wherain You were pleased to tell me that as soon as the Agents for the respective Provinces should produce the necessary Documents the same would without delay be recommended to Parliament. I had taken the Liberty