

perhaps little benefit from the Naval Office, but Capt. Henry resides on the spot  
where the Office is kept; I likewise intimated to You that in my opinion  
a County Clerk's Office would best suit Mr Young & be more beneficial  
to him than both the Offices which he enjoys at present. As it is not improbable  
that there will be a Vacancy within two or three Years I should be obliged to  
You for giving Orders that Mr Young may in that case be appointed upon  
his resigning the Offices which he now holds until the Vacancy should happen  
in Kent County, the Clerkship of which is You know already promised to  
Mr Dennis Dulany.

To Lt Baltimore the 14. of Decem: 1750.

My Lt  
It is with great pleasure I inform Your Ldy that 2 Regts of Foot  
is just arriv'd here from the Army commanded by General Forbes &  
bring us the agreeable Account of His Excellency's having on the 20 of  
last Month taken Possession of Fort Du Quoin which the Enemy had  
abandoned two Days before. A Virginia Co who made his escape from  
them as they were going off says that about half the Garrison which con-  
sisted of 500 Men commanded by Mons Deslignois went down the Ohio  
in Boats carrying the Artillery & all their Stores with them & that the rest  
having first set fire to all the Houses in & without the Fort marched towards  
Venango which is about 60 Miles to the Northward of Fort Du Quoin where  
they have a small Stockado Fort. They had it seems been some time  
in great Want of Provisions, (which was probably owing to the fact they  
suffered last Summer at Frontenac) their Indians had all left them,  
they perceived that General Forbes was approaching with upwards of  
3000 Men who were within two Days March of the Fort when they  
abandoned it & happily for us the Weather continued extremely favourable.  
The first Intelligence the General received of the Enemy's being gone off  
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