

provis's. This will give you some ease till more effectual Reinforcements can be sent.

You know that you are to have the Command of all the Troops destin'd for De Troite and to retake possession of the Country now fallen into the hands of the Enemy. To that effect the General collects all the Troops that can be spar'd at Niagara and Presque Isle.

The remains of the 42nd and 77th were order'd to Joyn you this way when we had Intelligence that Venang had been surprised, Lieut. Gordon and all his unfortunate Garrison murdered. Le Boeuf abandoned and Presque Isle surrender'd to my unspeakable astonishment, as I knew the strength of that Block house which would have been relieved from Niagara.

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I am, Dear Sir,

Your most obedient and Humble Servant,

Major Gladwin.

(Sic.)

Endorsed:

To Major Gladwin, 28th August, 1763.

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LETTER FROM DAVID FRANKS.

Pha., Octr. 15, 1763.

Sir: This day the post in & brot accot of the Packetts' arrival, and prints to 16th August frm England & inclose you the papers, containing the most materiall news. there's reports in Town that Sr. Jeffery has Leave to go home, & that a Commissn for Dy Adjutant Generall is come over for Major Gladwin and that 3000 Troops are coming over. I have not time to Ferutt out the Truth of these reports—nor is any Letters I may have yett come to hand, by wch I might have any advice—No Letters frm Sr. Jeffery to forwd upp there 12 day's Post have advised him of the reports of the communication to ye Post being again infested with Indians, if any hope ye number may be but few & hourly expect ye Pleasure to hear from you, that you and your Garrison are all well.

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Dear Sir,

Yr. most obeidt. hb. Servt.

DAVID. FRANKS.

Endorsed:

Mr. D. Franks, 15th October, 1763. Received the 6th Novr.

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