

on a road leading from the fort to the woods, with an advanced party of twenty men, and a rear-guard of fifteen. About eleven o'clock a serjeant of marines came from the fort up the road to my advanced party, who let him pass to the main body, where I made him prisoner. Upon examination, he reported,

“ that there were in the garrison 350 regulars,  
 “ about fifty workmen, and but five Indians :  
 “ that they had plenty of provisions, &c. and  
 “ that twelve masons were constantly employed in blowing up rocks in the entrenchment, and a number of soldiers to assist them : that at Crown Point there were 150 soldiers and fourteen Indians :  
 “ that Monf. Montcalm was at Montreal :  
 “ that 500 Ottawawas Indians wintered in Canada, and that 500 Rangers were lately raised in Canada, each man having a double-barrelled fuzee, and put under an experienced officer, well acquainted with the country : that he did not know whether the French intended to attack any of the English forts this winter or not ; but that they expected a great number of Indians as soon as the ice would bear them, in order to go down to the English forts ; and that all the

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