

As the surgeons tell me there is no danger in my wound, I am in hopes of being soon enabled to join the army before the town.

*Letter from Brigadier-General Townshend to secretary Pitt, dated
Camp before Quebec, Sept. 20, 1759.*

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you with the success of his majesty's arms, on the 13th instant, in an action with the French, on the heights to the westward of this town.

It being determined to carry the operations above the town, the posts at point Levi and isle d'Orleans being secured, the general marched with the remainder of the force from point Levi the 5th and 6th, and embarked them in transports, which had passed the town for that purpose. On the 7th, 8th, and 9th, a movement of the ships was made up, by admiral Holmes, in order to amuse the enemy, now posted along the north shore; but the transports being exceedingly crowded, and the weather very bad, the general thought proper to cantoon half his troops on the south shore, where they were refreshed, and re embarked upon the 12th, at one in the morning. The light infantry, commanded by colonel Howe, the regiments of Bragg, Kennedy, Lascelles, and Anstruther, with a detachment of Highlanders, and American grenadiers, the whole being under the command of brigadiers Monckton and Murray, were put into the flat-bottomed boats, and, after some movement of the ships made by admiral Holmes, to draw off the attention of the enemy above, the boats fell down with the tide, and landed on the north shore, within a league of Cape Diamond, an hour before day-break: the rapidity of the ebb tide carried them a little below the intended place of attack, which obliged the light infantry to scramble up a woody precipice in order to secure the landing of the troops, by dislodging a captain's post, which defended a small intrenched path the troops were to ascend. After a little firing, the light infantry gained the top of the precipice, and dispersed the captain's post; by which means the troops, with a trifling loss from a few Canadians and Indians in the wood, got up, and were immediately formed. The boats, after dis-

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