

built there this summer, with twenty-five of my company, in order to reconnoitre the enemy at Ticonderoga and Crown Point, and sixty men under Capt. Larnard of the provincials, who had General Winslow's \* orders to proceed with his men to the French advanced guard; but he not being acquainted with the way thither, put himself under my command. We landed this morning about fifteen miles down Lake George, and proceeded with the party till the 4<sup>th</sup> in the evening, and encamped about a mile from the advanced guard. The 5<sup>th</sup> in the morning mustered the whole party, and got to the summit of a hill, west of the advanced guard, where we discovered two advanced posts, which I then imagined was the whole of the guard, one of them on the west-side, half a mile southward of Lake Champlain, the other on the east-side of the Lake, opposite the former, at the old Indian carrying-place. We judged there were about 400 men on the east, and 200 on the west. After deliberating with Capt. Larnard upon the strength  
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\* General Winslow commanded the provincial troops this year, by virtue of a commission from the several provinces, who were concerned in 1755, in the same expedition, and was now with the greatest part of the provincial troops at Lake George.