

To-morrow in fulfilling the Articles of Capitulation. I thought it better, from the Number of Battalions, to oblige them not to serve during the present War, than to incumber England with them as Prisoners of War. I shall do myself the Honour of sending the Colours of the Battalions to you by the next Occasion.

“ Governor Murray, with the Troops from Quebec, landed below the Town Yesterday, and Colonel Haviland with his Corps (that took Possession of the Isle au Noix which the Enemy abandoned on the 28th) is this Day arrived at the South Shore opposite my Camp. I should not do Justice to Governor Murray and Colonel Haviland, if I did not assure you they have executed the Orders I gave them to the utmost of my Wishes. I must likewise beg Leave to say, I am obliged to Brigadier General Gage for the Assistance he has given me, and I have taken the Liberty to give in public Orders, my Assurances to the three Armies, that I would take the first Opportunity of acquainting the King, with the Zeal and Bravery which has always been exerted by the Officers and Soldiers of the Regular and Provincial Troops; as also by his Majesty's faithful Indian Allies.

“ Sir William Johnson has taken unwearied Pains in keeping the Indians in humane Bounds; and I have the Pleasure to assure you, that not a Peasant, Woman, or Child, has been hurt by them, or a House burnt, since I entered what was the Enemy's Country.

“ A compleat List of Artillery, Arms, Ammunition, Stores, &c. in the several Posts, as well as those of Montreal, shall be made out, which I shall transmit to you: Time does not permit this at present to be done.

“ I am to acknowledge the Honour of receiving, on the 30th of August, your Duplicate of the 14th, with your Letter of the 20th of June, enclosing a Copy of Instructions to Lord Colville of the 20th of June. The Assurances you have been pleased to give me of His Majesty's Approbation, on the Receipt of my several Dispatches, makes me very happy.

“ I shall now use my utmost Endeavours for settling every Thing in this Country to keep a sure Possession of it; and I shall immediately dispose of the Troops in such a Manner, that I may compleatly finish the Forts which were began last Year; and as far as the Season will permit me, I shall repair or erect such Forts or Posts, as may be necessary for strengthening and insuring the future Command of the Lakes, with the Possession of every Part of the South Side of the River St. Laurence.

“ I inclose to you, Sir, a Copy of the Articles of Capitulation, with Copies of all the Letters that have passed, for your full Information of the whole Transaction.

“ I imagine there may be many Particulars you may like to know in what has passed since I dispatched Captain Prescott, and I now send Major Barré with this, that you may receive all the Intelligence I can give you of the apparent State of every Thing in this Country.

I am, with the utmost Respect, &c.

JEFF. AMHERST.

*Extract of a Letter from the Honourable Brigadier General Murray to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, dated Contraceour, nine Leagues from Montreal, August 24, 1760.*

**B**Efore I set out from Quebec, I did myself the Honour to transmit to you a Plan of the Operations I had proposed, for the Corps under my Command, this Campaign; I have hitherto adhered to it, and it has succeeded beyond my most sanguine Expectations.

M. de Levis has for a Month done me, and still does me the Honour to watch our Motions, with the Grofs of his Army; and though I have no Tidings of General Amherst, I cannot doubt of his being well advanced, unless he has found his Route impracticable, which indeed I am told is difficult: I am confident he has not yet had any Interruption from the Enemy, their Post at Galot exceeded.

The Manifesto's I have published to the Canadians, have had the desired Effects: Most of the Parishes on the South Shore, as far as the River Sorrel, have submitted to his Majesty and taken the Oath of Neutrality.

As I advanced with the Detachment of the Quebec Garrison, which sailed a Fortnight before the Arrival of the two Regiments from Louisbourg, the French army kept pace with me, abandoning every Post in their Rear: I therefore sent Orders to Lord Rollo to disarm, and swear the inhabitants of the North Shore, whenever it could be done without retarding his Junction with me. The Wind proved frequently contrary, and put it in his Power to accept of the Submission of most of the Parishes, on the North Shore, as far as the Trois Rivières, which though the Capital of the Government of the same Name, is no more than an open stragling Village.

I found the Inhabitants of the Parish of Sorrel had deserted their Habitations and in Arms, I was therefore under the cruel Necessity of burning the greatest Part of these poor unhappy