

that way. The General *wanted* they should, and laid a *temptation* for that purpose, but which did not take. He ordered the several corps to their *respective* alarm-posts in the night, and to conceal themselves after day-light, excepting a few guards *that* were to appear very alert; but *Monsieur de Montcalm*, the French General, contrary to the opinion of his officers, saw something about our camp which gave him a suspicion of the affair, and made him decline *an attempt*. A few hours discovered that his suspicion was *well-founded*; but it was a pretty general opinion that he might have made the attempt—to great advantage, at all events.

The fortifying of this Camp, and bringing so many pieces of Artillery to it, was a work of great Labor to our men. There were about fifty pieces there *at one time*; and altho' there was no loss of men in taking *possession of* or leaving the place, yet during our stay we suffered a good deal. Our Fascine and covering-parties were frequently attacked; and altho' we always repulsed the Enemy, yet it was seldom without some little loss, which in the *aggregate* amounted to a considerable number. These skirmishes had, indeed, the effect of using our men to the woods, and familiarising them with the *mode of warfare peculiar* to the Canadians and Indians, whom they began to despise.

The General ordered the Troops from this Camp to encamp along the road in rear of the batteries at *Pointe-des-Pères*, excepting the 2nd Battalion of Royal Americans, which was left at the Point of Orléans. He now fixed his Head-Quarters at *Pointe-Lévi*.

SEPTEMBER 4TH.—Dispatches from General Amherst, by an officer and four rangers, brought a confirmation of the taking of Niagara, Carillon, and Crown Point.

SEPTEMBER 5TH.—This evening, Brigr.-General Murray went up the South side of the River from *Pointe-Lévi* camp