

take, for entirely commanding Lake Ontario, and effectually covering the Mohawk River, and all that Part of His Majesty's Dominions from the Insults or Inroads of the Savages: And I beg Leave to add my Assurances, that I shall make the utmost Dispatch I can, in proceeding down the River St. Laurence, and prosecuting the Operations of the Campaign, according to his Majesty's gracious Intentions.

*I am with the utmost Respect, &c.*

JEFF. AMHERST.

*Copy of a Letter from Major General Amherst, to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, dated Camp at Montreal, the 8th of Sept. 1760.*

" On the 26th of August, I did myself the Honour of writing to you, by Captain Prescott, to give you an Account of the Progress of his Majesty's Arms to that Time; since which, I have proceeded to this Place.

" From the 26th to the 30th, I was employed in repairing some Part of the Fort, mending Batteaus, and fitting out the Vessels, besides making such Preparations, as I judged essentially necessary for the Passage of the Army down the River.

" On the 31st I set out, rowed 24 Miles, and encamped on Isle au Chat; the Rapides were more frightful than dangerous.

" Sept. 1st. I passed the Long Saut, marched covering Parties on the Shore, the Boats were obliged to row in single File, and keep at some Distance; this took up great Time, though the Current of the River was violent. The Rapides were full of broken Waves, the Batteaus took in Water, a Corporal and 3 Men of the Royal Highlanders were drowned: I encamped at Johnson's Point, 14 Miles from Isle au Chat. I sent Parties forward on the Lake; Sir William Johnson went to an Indian Village, Asquesahna, to assure them of Protection on their good Behaviour.

" 2d. I rowed 24 Miles down Lake St. Francis, and encamped at Point au Beaudet. M. La Corne, with a Party, had been here, and at the Indian Village. Very violent Rain and Wind came on at Night; luckily our Boats were in sheltered Coves.

" 3d. The bad Weather continued, the Army halted; a scouting Party brought in a Prisoner from the Ceders.

" 4th. The Army was in their Boats soon after Day-break; the Weather was favourable for passing the worse Part of the River, but I am sorry to acquaint you, the Rapides were the Occasion of 84 Men being drowned. We lost likewise 29 Batteaus of Regiments, 17 of Artillery, with some Ar-

tillery and Stores. Seventeen Whale-Boats, and one Row galley were saved; the Guns, with some Stores and Provisions, will be saved. I encamped this Night at the Isle Perot, about two Miles from the River, with the Regulars. It was too late for the greatest Part of the Artillery and the Provincials to proceed there, and they encamped on the River Side.

" 5th. The Inhabitants of the Island had all run into the Woods, and abandoned their Houses; some were taken, and some came in: I had the Oath of Allegiance tendered to them, and I put them in quiet Possession of their Houses; and they seemed as much surprized with their Treatment, as they were happy with it. The necessary Repairs of Boats put it out of my Power to proceed this Day. The Remains of the Artillery and the Provincial Regiments joined me.

" 6th. The Army was in their Boats soon after Day-break; I rowed in four Columbus by the Right, as I intended to land on my Left, at la Chine, on the Island of Montreal, about 3 Leagues from my last Camp; the Weather was favourable, and I landed without Opposition; some flying Parties run into Montreal, after a few Shots: To make the most of the Day I could, I marched on: The Parties had broke up one Bridge, which was soon repaired; and, after a March of 2 Leagues, I formed the Troops on a Plain before Montreal, where we lay the Night on our Arms; and I got up two 12 Pounders, five 6, and five 3 Pounders, of light Artillery. I left the New York Troops and two Connecticut Regiments for the Security of the Boats at La Chine.

" 7th. In the Morning, two Officers came to an advanced Post, with a Letter from the Marquis de Vaudreuil, referring me to what one of them, le Colonel Bougainville, had to say. The Conversation ended, with a Cessation of Arms, till 12 o'Clock, at which Time the Proposals came: I returned mine, and wrote to the Marquis de Vaudreuil. This was followed by another Letter from the Governor: I sent my Answer. I then received a Letter from M. de Levis, which I answered. The Troops lay on their Arms at Night, and soon after Day I had a Letter from the Marquis de Vaudreuil, which I answered, and sent Major Abercrombie into Town, to bring me the Articles of Capitulation, signed by the Marquis de Vaudreuil, of which I have sent him a Duplicate signed by me; and Colonel Haldimand, with the Grenadiers and Light Infantry of the Army, has taken Possession of a Post, and will proceed

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