

lake Champlain is called by the french fort Frederick, and by us Crown Point, both of them being extremely strong by their situation, and having many considerable works built about them. It took general Amherst a considerable time to get up his artillery, ammunition, stores, and provisions, and to embark them on the lake; however, in spite of a thousand difficulties, the whole army embarked the 21st of july, and arrived with very little difficulty before Ticonderoga; at first the french made some appearance, as if they meant to defend the place. But they found in general Amherst, an enemy of much greater abilities, than any they had before opposed in this part of the world; they saw, that every operation was conducted with a prudence equal to the force employed, and having little hopes of resisting the english army long, they abandoned their lines at Ticonderoga the 23d of july; general Amherst marched into them with his grenadiers with bayonets fixed. This drew the fire of the fort on them, with cannon and mortars, but they did no execution. Having succeeded thus far, the general set about fortifying it, as its situation rendered it a post of infinite consequence, either for the prosecution of his further operations, or for covering a retreat, in case bad success made one necessary. The only loss we sustained in this acquisition was that of colonel Townshend, a young officer of great hopes, who was killed by a cannon ball.

General Amherst waited a few days, before he attacked Crown Point, for his artillery; but his troops in the mean time were thoroughly employed, in carrying on the approaches necessary, and making ready the batteries to receive their guns: although he had great reason to believe, that the french would abandon this fort, as they had done the other; yet he resolved to trust nothing to fortune, but take his measures exactly the same, as if he was sure to meet with a de-

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