

men, the remainder of which were not far behind on their passage, which induced us to hasten our return to our garrison, where, with our prisoners, we safely arrived the 15th of July. These prisoners, upon examination, reported, "That a great number of regular troops and militia were assembling at Chamblee, and destined for Carillon, or Ticonderoga*: that great quantities of provisions were transporting there, and a new General † with two regiments lately arrived from France: that there was no talk of any design upon our forts on this side; but that a party of 300 French, and 20 Indians, had already set out to intercept our convoys of provisions between Albany and Lake George: that 60 livres was the reward for an English scalp, and that the prisoners were sold in Canada for 50 crowns each: that their prospect of an harvest was very encouraging, but that the small-pox made great havoc amongst the inhabitants." About the time of my setting out upon this scout, Major General Shirley was superseded in his command

* The former is the French, the latter the Indian name, signifying the meeting or confluence of three waters.

† The Marquis de Montcalm, who commanded in the reduction of Oswego this year, and of Fort William-Henry the year following.