

Lawrence, whilst a great force attacked Crown Point, and a third expedition was undertaken against Niagara. By acting in so vigorous a manner, it was expected that the enemy would prove much weaker than hitherto, when they were enabled to collect their force to defend a single place.

General Amherst himself commanded the army, that was destined to act against Ticonderoga and Crown Point, which amounted to about 12,000 men, regulars and provincials. He was in motion very early; having employed the latter end of the winter and the beginning of the spring in preparing for the expedition. So early as the first of may, many of his troops were in motion, and he arrived himself at Albany the 12th; he set out from fort Edward the 3d of June, having posted all the regular regiments on the road thither, to assist in bringing up the provisions in the battoes. General Gage was left at Albany to bring up the rear. They arrived at the fort the 12th. The greatest care was taken by the general in his march through the woods to prevent a surprize; considerable parties were continually dispatched every way to scour the country, and inure the provincials and new raised troops to marching, and the other parts of the service. It was with great difficulty that the battoes, and other boats, in which the army was to cross the lake, were brought up. On the 21st, general Amherst, with brigadier general Gage, and a large part of the army left fort Edward; it was the end of the month before they reached lake George, on which, by degrees, the battoes and other vessels were embarked. This lake, which the french call lake Sacrament, is a water near 40 miles long, but narrow in proportion; enclosed on every side with marshy grounds, it communicates with lake Champlain, by another long and very narrow streight: and this streight is defended on each side by a fort, that towards lake George is called Ticonderoga, that next lake

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