

sions. He also says That the ^{Indians} ~~Indians~~ are very much discontent because the Governour will not allow any Indian whatever to be in the Town at Night for fear some of them might be corrupted by the English to fire the Town, and that he has ordered the House near the City wall to be pulled down lest they should be a means to fire the rest of the Town. That the Governour Generall came up last winter from Duobucks to Montreal upon a report that 100 families of Scotch people were settling on lands near Crown point within 7 leagues of It. but the report upon inquiry proved groundless.

That the french Talk much of Taking Oswego, which they think a very easy matter and only wait for Orders from France and a supply of provisions and then they design to go against It with 800 men. That the french also Talk much of Taking Albany but know not which way to accomplish It. That some think the best way will be to surround It and cut off Supplies of Provisions.

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That the Governour Monsr. Beauharnois is a very old man and almost childish and seems to be a very Timorous man, and the Gov^r of Montreal he believes to be dead by this Time.

That the greatest part of the Captains and Officers are old and infirm, some Gouty, some Sick &c. That one Monsr. Michel by the name of Commissary Rules the Coast at Canada, who is a conceited fiery man, and not very able to manage business.

That the Governour has sent Officers and Priests into all the Indian settlements to call their people together and that he would then give them the Hatchet.

That he believes the french will make no attack upon this Country this year, because the Regular Troops are unfit for service in this Country, and their Indians It is thought cannot be depended upon, and many of their young men are up among the Indians to trade, and If they should take the farms, It would be a means to starve the Country. So that he can't think what people they can send to hurt us. But that they are determined to Take Oswego this Summer.

That the French are cutting a Road to the River at St. Johns to facilitate the carrying provisions to Crown point, and that there is a Sloop in the Lake Champlain.

He further saith. That there are 100 men at Crown point. He also saith That the Cannon which were in the fort at Chamblay are carried to Crown point, and that they keep only 5 or 6 men in Chamblay Fort, thinking it needless to keep more since they have had a fort at Crown point. II 287

That the French compute themselves to be Twenty Thousand fighting men in the whole among which are 28 Companies regular Troops consisting of 32 men each, but that the Companies are not full.

That he has not heard any Talk in Canada of a Neutrality between the Indians, but that by what he heard the Indians are willing to fight. But believes the french will not animate them to go a Scalping.

That the people in Canada in general would willingly remain in peace, and rather than enter into a war they would subject themselves to the English provided every man might keep his own.

That the best way he conceived to Take Canada would be to Take Cape Britton and then to keep 3 or 4 Ships in the Mouth of the River St. Lawrence and then to take Oniagora, after which Canada must Surrender of course not having any communication with the far or the near Indians.

That the Walls of Montreal are in bad Condition and almost tumbling down, that at Montreal were 18 Guns at the North end of the Town but not mounted. That the wall was supported with another wall inside.

That at Duobucks are 40 p^r Cannon and Two mortars.

That the Country was settled about 25 leagues below Duobucks.

That the french had great Hopes of persuading our River Indians to settle at St. Francois with the Abenackies, and that the Governour had ordered the priest residing there at the Arrival of some River Indians, to order respect to come and Treat with the Abenackies, to kill a beef for them and to give them Tobacco &c. and whatever they might want.

That News was come from Cape Britton, That the young people of that place were gone on an Expedition against Canada.

A Letter was wrote to his Excellency with a copy of the above Examination enclosed