

*Copy of a letter from Sir William Johnson, Bart. to
Major-general Amherst, dated Niagara 25th of Ju-
ly 1759.*

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I HAVE the honour to acquaint you by lieu-
tenant Moncrief, Niagara surrendered to his
majesty's arms the 25th instant. A detachment of
twelve hundred men, with a number of Indians, un-
der the command of Messrs. Aubry and de Lignery,
collected from Detroit, Venango, and Presq' isle,
made an attempt to reinforce the garrison the 24th
in the morning; but as I had intelligence of them,
I made a disposition to intercept them. The evening
before, I ordered the light infantry and picquets to
take post on the road upon our left, leading from
Niagara Falls to the fort: In the morning, I rein-
forced these with two companies of grenadiers, and
part of the forty-sixth regiment. The action began
about half an hour after nine; but they were so well
received by the troops in front, and the Indians on
their flank, that in an hour's time, the whole was
completely ruined, all their officers made prisoners,
among whom are monseurs, Aubry, De Lignery,
Marin, Repentini, to the number of seventeen, I
cannot ascertain the number of the killed, they are
so dispersed among the woods, but their loss is
great.

As this happened under the eyes of the garrison,
I thought proper to send my last summons to the
commanding-officer for his surrendering which he
listened to. I enclose you the capitulation; Mr. Mon-
crief will inform you of the state of our ammunition
and provisions: I hope care will be taken to forward
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