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Extract of a Letter from an Officer in his Majesty's 50th Regiment of Foot, who was taken Prisoner at Oswego, to Major General Shirley, dated Darimouth Dec. 20th 1756.

“ **T**HIS only I think my Duty to declare, that I heard the *French* Officers say, that they were greatly afraid that the *English* Vessels, which were actually fitted out for the Lake and much superior to theirs (as they said) would have obstructed and hindered them in transporting their Artillery and landing it; and that they did not know what the Consequence would have been, if our Vessels had kept out to the *Eastward*, that they landed their Artillery in Battoes, and that they constantly dragged their Battoes on Shore every Day for fear of our Vessels, and proceeded in the Night on that Account.”