

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Saunders to the
Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, Sept. 20, 1759.*

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I H A V E the greatest pleasure in acquainting you, that the town and citadel of Quebec surrendered on the 18th instant, and I inclose you a copy of the articles of capitulation. The army took possession of the gates on the land side the same evening, and sent safe guards into the town to preserve order, and to prevent any thing being destroyed; and capt. Palliser, with a body of seamen, landed in the lower town, and did the same. The next day our army marched in, and near a thousand French officers, soldiers, and seamen, were embarked on board some English Catts, who shall soon proceed for France, agreeable to the capitulation.

I had the honour to write to you the 5th instant, by the Rodney cutter; the troops, mentioned in that letter, embarked on board the ships and vessels above the town, in the night of the 6th instant, and at four in the morning of the 13th began to land on the north shore, about a mile and a half above the town. General Moncalm, with his whole army, left their camps at Beauport, and marched to meet them. A little before ten both armies were formed, and the enemy began the attack. Our troops received their fire, and reserved their own, advancing till they were so near as to run in upon them, and push them with their bayonets; by which, in a very little time, the French gave way, and fled to the town in the utmost disorder, and with great loss; for our troops pursued them quite to the wall, and killed many of them upon the glacis, and in the ditch; and if the town had been further off, the whole French army must have been destroyed. About 250 prisoners were taken that day, among whom are

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