

*Copy of lieutenant Coventry's letter to lieutenant governor De Lancey.*

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Albany, Aug. 2, 1759.

I Have this moment received the agreeable news of Niagara's surrendering to our army on the 25th ult. 607 prisoners are on their way from Niagara for this place. Lieutenant Moncrieff brought the dispatches, and sets out to-morrow morning for Ticonderoga. If colonel Amherst be not failed, let him have the inclosed.

*Copy of the account of the defeat of the French near Niagara, and reduction of the fort, inclosed in lieutenant Coventry's letter.*

This day lieutenant Moncrieff, aid de camp to the late general Prideaux, arrived here from Niagara, which he left the 26th instant, in his way to general Amherst. From the said gentleman, we have the following particulars, viz. That after the melancholy accident of the 20th, [*brigadier general Prideaux being killed by the bursting of a coborn*] the the command of the army devolving on sir William Johnson, he continued to pursue the late general's vigorous measures, and erected his third battery within 100 yards of the flag bastion. Having intelligence from his Indians of a large party on their march from the falls to relieve the fort, Sir William made a disposition to prevent them. The 23d, in the evening, he ordered the light infantry, and picquets of the line, to lye near the road on our left, leading from the falls to the fort. These he reinforced, in the morning of the 24th, with the grenadiers, and part of the 46th regiment, all under the command of lieutenant colonel Maffey. Lieu-  
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