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fortifications were both inconsiderable and badly contrived. At this juncture it was stored with an immense quantity of provisions and ammunition for the use of the French forces detached against Brigadier Forbes; for their western garrisons, and the army sent under M. de Levi to the Mohawk river, and with merchandize for their Indian allies.

Colonel Bradstreet having penetrated to the side of Lake Ontario, he embarked his men in sloops and bateaux provided for that purpose, and landed without opposition within a mile of Fort Frontenac, on the 25th of August. This visit was so little expected, that the garrison, consisting of 110 men, besides a few women, children and Indians, between seven and eight in the morning, of the 27th, surrendered prisoners of war. By which we became masters of all the contents above-mentioned, and of nine ships, from eight to 18 guns, which were all the French had upon the lake. Colonel Bradstreet brought two of the ships to Oswego, one richly laden: but he burnt and destroyed the others, together with all the fort, artillery, stores, &c. agreeable to his instructions. Upon which the prisoners did not scruple to say, That their troops to the southward, and their westward garrisons would suffer greatly, if not be entirely starved, for want of the provisions, and vessels, to bring them home from Niagara.

Brigadier
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The expedition against Fort du Quesne, and the reduction of the Ohio was committed to Bri-

Valued at 800,000 livres.

gadier