

Street having been examined, upon Oath says that after he was taken Prisoner he was carried by the way of Fort du Querne to a small Town which lies two miles below that place where he was detained, till the Spring, that he was then taken to the Loggs Town & kept there till May when being sold for a Servant to an Indian Trader he attended his Master to Fort Du Querne & stayed there about a month when he effected his Escape. That when he went with the Trader to Fort Du Querne the Garrison in that place consisted of between 300 & 400 French & a few Indians, but that about a month ago they were reinforced by 200 French who came from the Mississippi & brought up a very considerable quantity of Provisions in 12 large Boats. Upon the Arrival of which there was great Rejoicing & the Officer who commanded the Reinforcement was saluted by a Discharge of Cannon & small Arms. That a few Days after this about 200 French & Indians went out in pursuit of some Scouting Party of Ours that had killed & taken three French Officers & as many Soldiers, but that two Squaws being killed almost in sight of the Garrison soon after they left the Fort, the Party was thereupon recalled. That several Parties have been since ordered towards the Frontiers of these Colonies & one in particular to cut off the Communication between Fort Cumberland & the Inhabited part of the Country & to prevent the Garrison's receiving any Supplies of Provision which the French understood they were in great need of. That 700 French were expected at Fort du Querne from a Fort which has been built on this Side the Lakes & that as soon as they should come down an Expedition was to be undertaken wherein the Officer who came from the Mississippi was to have the Chief Command & that there was a Train of Artillery ready for him consisting of Six Cannon & two M^o: tars. Capt Dagworthy tells me that the Negro being seperately examined gave just the same Account. As 100 Men were sent to convey some Provisions to Fort Cumberland the 8th of this Month part of the Drummers Intelligence might probably be confirmed. I suppose when the Waggons return the Negro as well as the Drummer will be sent to Col: Starwicke that he might have an Opportunity of interrogating them as he shall think proper.