

Letter which was dated the 10th Inst & informs me that one John Street
was a Drummer in the Pens. Forces till the Reduction of Fort Granville, having
effected his Escape from Fort Du Quasne, is come thither together with a
Negro that lately came from the Mississippi. Capt Dagworthy tells me that the
Drummer being examined on Oath, declared that after he fell into the Enemy's
hands together with the Rest of the Men that garrisoned Fort Granville, he was carried
by the Indians to a small Town which lies two Miles below Fort du Quasne,
that he was removed thence to Loge Town last Spring & detained there till May
when being sold to a French Indian Trader he was brought to Fort Du
Quasne again by his said Master & detained there till about a Month ago
when he came off with the Negro abovesmentioned, that when his Master
first took him to Fort Du Quasne the Garrison did not consist of more than
between 300 & 400 French & a few Indians but that before he made his Escape
the Garrison was reinforced by 200 French who came up the River, & brought
with them in 12 large Boats a considerable Quantity of Provisions, that upon the
Arrival of these Troops there was great Rejoicing & a general Discharge of Artillery
& small Arms, that a few Days afterwards a party of about 200 French & Indians
went out in pursuit of some English who had killed & taken three French Officers
& as many Soldiers but that two Squares being scalped almost in Sight of the
Garrison soon after, 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 Garrisons being supplied with provisions which
according to the Account of Prisoners, they were, in great want of. that 700
French were daily expected at Fort Du Quasne from one 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 ready for him