

John Dagworthy to George Washington, July 10, 1757, two same date; with Deposition by John Street, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

Deposition of John Street.

FORT CUMBERLAND July the 10th 1757.

The Deposition of John Street formerly a Drummer at Fort Granville in Captain Ward's Company, taken before me one of his Lordship's Justices for Frederick County in the Province of Maryland, Deposeth and Saith that sometime In Last Harvest, that Fort was Attack't in the Captain's Absence, and the Second day Surrender'd thro the Cowardice of the Serjant, who Succeeded in Command Lieutenant Armstrong he being kill'd in the Engagement, that after they had Surrendered, this Deponant with the rest of the Prisoners was Caryed to the Kittaning Town, where they made no Stay but proceeded in a Battoe to Fort Duquesne with Such Prisoners as was given to the Shawnees a Dividend first being made, of all the Prisoners to the different nations, who composed the Party that took the Fort, they made but one Nights Stay at Fort Duquesne, then Proceeded to a Small Town Two Miles below that Fort where he Continued till the Spring, when he was Removed to Logg Town, where he Continued till some time in May, when he went to Fort Du Quesne to wait on an Indian Trader, and Continued with him near a month and then came off for this place, and was Sixteen days on his Journey here, during what time he saw no Signs of a Man till he came to this Fort, This Deponant farther Saith that when he came Last to Fort Du Quesne with the Trader, that Garrison Consisted of Between three and Four Hundred French and a few Indians, that about three weeks Agoe they were Reinforced by

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two hundred French from Massapipi with a great Quantity of Provisions, what they brought in About Twelve Large Boates, that there was great Rejoicing by firing Canon and Small Arms at their Arrivall, that About Two Hundred men French and Indians went out a few days after in Pursuit of our Scouting Partys who had taken kill'd and taken three of their Officers and three Soldiers, but on hearing of two Squaws being Scalp'd near the Garrison after they had Left it, they all Immediately Returned, that Several Partys have since went out to these Frontiers, and Particularly one to prevent this Garrison being Supply'd with Provisions, which they understood was in great need of. That Seven hundred Frenchmen was Waiting at a Fort on this Side the Lakes for the Waters Rising, when they are to come down to Fort Du Quesne, and from thence with a body of Indians to attack this Fort, that the Officer who Commanded the Party from the Massapipi is to Command on this Expedition, and that the train of Artillery is to Consist of Six Canon two mortars &c and farther saith not

his JOHNSTREET Mark

Taken before me the day and year above written

JNO. DAGWORTHY