

The 25th the Batteries fired with great Success. The Admiral sent me Word, he intended to send in Boats with 600 Men, to take or destroy the Prudent and the Bienfaisant in the Harbour. I ordered all the Batteries at Night to fire into the Works as much as possible, to keep the Enemy's Attention to the Land. The Miners and Workmen went on very well with their Approaches to the covered Way, tho' they had a continued and very smart Fire from it, and Grape Shot, and all Sorts of old Iron from the Guns of the Ramparts. We continued our Fire without ceasing, and à Ricochet: The Boats got to the Ships at One in the Morning, and took them both: They were obliged to burn the Prudent, as she was a-ground; and they towed off the Bienfaisant to the N. E. Harbour.

The 26th the Admiral came on Shore, and told me he proposed sending 6 Ships into the Harbour the next Day. Just at this Time I received a Letter from the Governor, offering to capitulate, and the Articles (which were printed in the Extraordinary Gazette last Night) were agreed upon. The Troops remained in the Trenches this Night as usual.

The 27th three Companies of Grenadiers, under the Command of Major Farquhar, took Possession of the West Gate; and I sent in Brigadier General Whitmore to see the Garrison lay down their Arms, and post the necessary Guards in the Town, on the Stores, Magazines, &c. And I had the Arms brought out of Town, and 11 Colours, which I send you under the Care of Capt. William Amherst. As I have given in Orders, that I desired every Commanding Officer of a Corps would acquaint the Officers and Men that I was greatly pleased with the brave and good Behaviour of the Troops, which has, and always must insure Success; I am to acquaint you, Sir, that I took the Liberty to add to it, that I would report it to the King.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Boscawen to the Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt, dated Namur, Gabreuse Bay, 28th of July, 1758.

I will not trouble you with a particular Detail of the Landing and Siege, but cannot help mentioning a particular gallant Action in the Night between the 25th and 26th Instant: The Boats of the Squadron were in two Divisions, detached under the Command of Captains Laforey and Balfour, to endeavour either to take or burn the Prudent of 74 Guns, and Bienfaisant of 64, the only remaining French Ships in the Harbour; in which they succeeded so well, as to burn the former, she being a-ground, and take the latter, and tow her into the N. E. Harbour, notwithstanding they were exposed to the Fire of the Cannon and Musquetry of the Island Battery, Point Rochfort, and the Town, being favoured with a dark Night. Our Loss was inconsiderable, 7 Men killed, and 9 wounded.

I have given the Command of the Bienfaisant to Capt. Balfour, and the Echo, a Frigate, to Capt. Laforey; Mr. Affleck and Mr. Bickerton, Lieutenants, who boarded the Bienfaisant, succeed those Gentlemen in the Aetna Fireship and Hunter Sloop.

I have only farther to assure His Majesty, that all His Troops and Officers, both Sea and Land, have supported the Fatigue of this Siege, with great Firmness and Alacrity.

An Account of the Guns, Mortars, Shot, Shells, &c. in the Town of Louisbourg, found upon the Surrender of the Town to His Majesty's Forces, under the Command of his Excellency Major General Amherst.

	36 Pounders	—	—	38
Iron Ordnance, mounted on standing Carriages with Beds and Coils,	24	—	—	97
	18	—	—	23
	12	—	—	19
	8	—	—	10
	6	—	—	28
	4	—	—	6
Mortars Brass with Beds,	12 1/2 Inches	—	—	3
	9	—	—	1
Mortars Iron with Beds,	6 1/2	—	—	3
	12 1/2 Inches	—	—	6
	11	—	—	4
	9	—	—	1
Musquets with Accoutrements,	—	—	—	7500
Powder, whole Barrels,	—	—	—	600

Musquet Cartridges,	—	—	—	—	8000
Ditto Balls,	—	Tons	—	—	13
Round Shot,	36	—	—	—	1607
	24	—	—	—	1658
	12	—	—	—	4000
	6	—	—	—	2336
Grape Shot,	36	—	—	—	139
	24	—	—	—	134
	12	—	—	—	330
	6	—	—	—	130
Cafe Shot,	—	—	—	—	53
Double headed Shot,	24	—	—	—	245
	12	—	—	—	153
Shells,	13 Inches	—	—	—	850
	10	—	—	—	38
	8	—	—	—	138
	6	—	—	—	27
Lead Pig,	—	Tons	—	—	12
Ditto Sheet,	—	—	—	—	—
Iron of Sorts,	—	Tons	—	—	6
Wheel-barrows,	—	—	—	—	600
Shovels, — Wood	—	—	—	—	760
Ditto, — Iron	—	—	—	—	900
Pick Axes,	—	—	—	—	822
Iron Crows,	Large	—	—	—	22
	Small	—	—	—	12
Iron Wedges,	—	—	—	—	42
Hand Mauls,	—	—	—	—	18
Pin Mauls,	—	—	—	—	12
Masons Trowels,	—	—	—	—	36
Hammers,	—	—	—	—	36
Axes,	—	—	—	—	18

This is all that the Commissaries have as yet found, but there is undoubtedly more not yet accounted for.

N.B. The Numbers and Force of the French Ships destroyed; the State of the Garrison of Louisbourg; and of the Killed and Wounded of His Majesty's Forces, were published in the Extraordinary Gazette last Night.

Whitehall, August 19.

This Morning two Officers arrived with Letters from Lieutenant General Bligh and Captain Howe, to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, dated Cherburg the 16th and 17th Instant, giving an Account, That His Majesty's Forces, after having completely demolished the Basin, Peers, and Harbour of Cherburg, and destroyed all the Batteries, Forts, Magazines and Stores, at that Place, and along the Coast, were all reembarked, without the least Opposition from the Enemy, in order to pursue the further Objects of His Majesty's Instructions. Twenty-two fine Brass Cannon, and two Brass Mortars, have been sent to England; and 173 Iron Cannon, and three Iron Mortars, were destroyed.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, Dec. 1, 1757.

WHEREAS adhering to the King's Enemies, by giving to them Aid or Comfort, either within his Realm, or elsewhere, is High Treason, and the Concealment thereof is Misprision of Treason;

And Whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have received Information, That a Loan of Money for that Purpose is at this Time negotiating in this Kingdom; Their Lordships do hereby promise a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds to any Person, by whose Discovery any Subject of His Majesty, or any Person residing within this Realm, shall be convicted of lending or advancing directly or indirectly, or of causing or procuring to be so lent or advanced, or of subscribing for, or contributing to, or of soliciting or contracting for or remitting, either in Coin or Bullion, or by Bill or Bills of Exchange, or by any other Means whatsoever, any Sum or Sums of Money, to or for the Use or Purpose aforesaid. The said Reward to be paid immediately on the Conviction of every such Offender, by the Solicitor of the Treasury, without Deduction, their Lordships having given Directions for the immediate Prosecution of such Offenders.