

the French, merely for the sake of a
trade or a settlement on the banks, but
a thing long ago concerted; but part of a
plan for making themselves masters of
N. W. Plan considered & approved

by the Court of France 1809. whole
plan may be seen in Charlevoix 12
book. First step (which they have

^{that year 1754} accomplished) to possess & govern all
the principal passes of the Country.

The part of the plan now executing is to
make a trail to the Ohio. The whole
country that is watered by the Wabash
& Ohio is most fertile. There are vast pastures
freely watered where wild cattle graze
by thousands. Besides the communication
with Canada is by other way more easy
than thro the Missouri river - A fort here
would be a check on Indians

Next step to become masters of all along
the Hudson R. There is no way
keeps the Chev de Collieres on the memorial
& plan presented to the Court of France
for the preservation of Canada but to render
the King master of N York.



Mem. May 13. 54

Memorandum on the Ohio Valley of La Force

Mem. June 26/54

Letter of Col James. Mem July 29
Capitulation of Fort Henry

be also about Fort Mifflin

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St. Gazette Aug 8/54

Kentucky River.

Extract of a letter from an officer in
the Virginia Regiment

Dated Belhaven Aug 9/54

As the article of capitulation mentioned
in your Philadelphia newspaper is contained
& thereby seem to reflect dishonor on
Col Washington, who is a brave and
worthy young genl. able to answer any
thing that can be expected from one of
his age & experience, as well as on all
the corps then present I have given you
an idea of the circumstances &c &c
then follows an eulogy of the general -

Aug 20/54

Letter from a genl^m in the army
at Sheppensburg Aug 10/54

Sept 1. 55

Letter from Canada (signed De Roche)
to M^r Mont. L'Amour a French officer

Dated Montreal April 10
1755

We fear no army that can be raised
by the English in N. A. except the King's
Olivierians; they will die hard, all our
Indians & Canadians turn to dread them
and say if we ever get their land it must
be inch by inch. The whole body of them

Puritan horstoes eastward of Hudson
Rivers are like a formidable standing
army, that will one day and all
thereafter their lives long they will
give up their lands, their religion and
the protestant cause. However, if our
army at the Ohio defeats the English
troops, which we are not in the least
doubtful of, the day is our own
& the Western provinces will become
an easy prey to our troops and
the Indian allies. See the
"New England Divisions"

The letter is probably fictitious.

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