

Journal of C. W. Benson Abingford Sep 3. Tanacharison
(the half-breed) complained very much of the conduct of Waltham
to him (who in a very moderate way, saying the Col was
a good natured man but had no experience) saying that
he took upon him to command the Ind as his slaves
and that he would by no means take advice of the Ind
that he lay at one place from one full moon to the other
and made no preparations at all but that with very
open the Indians, when he thought the French would come
up to him in open field. That had he taken the half-breed
advice and made such preparations as the half-breed
advised him to make he would ~~have~~ certainly have
beaten the French off. That the F had acted as
great cowards and the Eng. as braves and that he
(the half-breed) had carried off his wife and children,
because W. would never listen to them but was always
driving them to fight by his orders.

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Hebo says I assure you there was not one of them
had we call any of the battle except 5 or 7

Hebo and

La Force is greatly wounded here - no hunting now - he
certainly must have been an experienced & very man amongst
them - he is so much regretted and wished for.

Capt. Le Jon of LaBague
letter from Hobo July 29. 1754. prisoner at LaBague
lost by an Indian to Ampharick Hobo sent draft of the
there are 200 men here 200 expected the rest would off in
detachments to the aid of 1000 below but the had have
greatly here: they go about and in when they please
without notice. If 100 badly Shawanese, Mungos and
Delawares were picked out they might surprise the fort, taking
themselves under the pealium behind the fortification by
day and at night secure the ground with their tomahawks.
The guard consists of 40 men only and 5 officers. none
look on the fort but the guard except Carlos Cocum - the
rest in bark cabins around the fort. The force is greatly
messed here. Let the good of the expedition be considered
proportion to our safety. Hearty to strike.

The French, Capt Hobo, got to French at dawn of day surrounded
by the fort imagining we were still there, gave a final fire.
But when they found we were gone they were determined to return
with all expedition, thinking we had returned to the ~~substantive~~
unsubstantiated (military) action of Colonel Driscoll told
them that he had departed the day before, and that the
capt was still in the meadows on a hovering condition, which
caused his deserting, and hearing they were coming
departed to them. They captured him - told him of true he
should be rewarded, of false heaped. This I had from
the long interpretation

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