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FROM CAPTAIN BOTOMWORTH.

CAMP AT RAYS TOWN 23d Augt. 1758

DEAR SIR/ I have scarce been able from a Sprain in my Wrist to hold a pen for this sometime past, or would have done myself the pleasure of writing oftener, the Current News I made shift to scrawl to Colo. Byrd once or twice which I desired him to acquaint you with. Colo. Burd of the 2nd Batn. Pennsylvs. Major Grant with a Detachment of 300 Highlanders and all the Royal Americans march this day to take Post at Loyalhannon, The General still remains below for the recovery of his health and I presume will not move till the road is cut to our Advance Post. Every thing has but a bad aspect with General Abercromby, His Troops are intrenched at Fort Wm. Henry, Montcalm has an Incampment within 16 miles of him wch. Col. Haisland is gone to attack, Bradstreet is gone with 4000 men as is supposed to Frontinac; The two Parties of Cherokees which were out at the French Fort are returned Ensn. Chew was with them they had a very fair & full view of it there are about 200 or 300 Indians there & as many White men no New Works at all abt. 18 pieces of Cannon I dare say no Reinforcement is yet arrived from the Northward. I wish you may soon join us & am Dr. Sir Yr. most obedt. Servt.

BOTOMWORTH

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N. B. There is a Grand Treaty going to be held with all the Ohio Indians & those as far as the Lakes in Septr. which will be an excellent Diversion if accomplished.