

**William Ramsay to George Washington, August 29, 1758, with Intelligence Report, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM WILLIAM RAMSAY, ESQ.**

CAMP NEAR RAYS TOWN Augt. 29th. 58.

DR SIR

Inclos'd I send you the best intelligence I cou'd get & tho; not precisely to aday, I fancy near the truth; tho; the publick papers will give a better Account of Cape Breton, Hawk, and St. Maloes, I believe may be depended on. — I shall continue to keep a jounal of ev'ry occurence while I stay here, but my dear friend I am heartily tir'd, & my business calls me home.

I wish you ev'ry happiness & am Dr. Sr. Yr. affect. H. Servt. WM RAMSAY.

[Intelligence inclosed in Mr. Ramsay's letter.]

4th. or 6th. June The Highlanders landed at Philadelphia, Abt. the 25th. or 28 July, part came to the Camp near Rays Town abt. the 10th. June, the train arrived at Philadelphia. Abt. the 1st. Aug. At the Camp near Rays Town.

The Virginians open'd the Road from abt. 10 Miles this side of Shippys Town to Rays Town, 70 Miles.

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N. B. — The Pennsylvanians clear'd part of the road the Virginians were on, but it cost the Virginians three days labor to make the same passable —

N. B. By persons of undoubted veracity & in the employ of Pennsylvania, do publickly assert, that the new road from Shippys Town to the Camp, is worse than any part of the old road from Fort Cumberland to Fort Du Quesne —

The Crown pays carriage of Provisions from Philadelpa. & I dare say costs gorty shillings per hundred —

Augt. 23d. Highlanders, Royal Americans & second Battalion of Pennsylvanians Marched & escorted 2. 12 pounders, 2 Six pounders & sundary Provisions towards Loyal Hannon.

26th. 5 or 6 Waggon sent from the Camp near Rays Town to Loyal Hannon with Shingles, Quere — is not this imprudt when they have plenty of fine Timber & Workmen on the spot —

Soldiers here very Sickly & die fast —

27th The General suppos'd to be yet at Shippys Town. The old Camp broke up & remov'd near the Fort where I am inform'd a breast Work is to be thrown up.

Augt. 22d. Provisions in store. Vizt. at Carlisle, Shippys Town, Fort Loudoun, & Littleton & Rays Town & with the advanc'd Troops are as follows Vizt.

54 days Flour, 32 days Salt Provisions, & 21 days Rice no dependance on Salt Provisions.

N. B. I heard some Persons of Credit Publickly declare that the Waggon employ'd in the Kings Service in Pennsylvania were Apprais'd upon an Average to £20 above the intrinsic worth.

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They further said they knew Horses bought a few days or hours before Appraisement, valued by the Appraisers to £9 & £15 wch. only cost 50/ & 60/. Honest Appraisers & a disinterested Colony —

28th. Louisburg surrendered the 26th. July — the Garrison Prisoners of War.

Six French Ships of War taken by Hawk & 100 Transports St. Maloes in France said to be destroyed with all their Privateers, Docks Yards &c.

The Genl. at Shippys Town.

“NOTE. St. Maloes if destroy'd, is the fruits of our secret expedition, & indeed the first fruits  
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