[illegible] Love among [illegible] Friends & Acquaintance elsewhere
[illegible] to you if on my Return I found my Affairs as prosperous a way
as I could expect, & I have let Mr Crocall know ye Compt. you pay him on yr
Head. As I doubt not ye serious & diligent application to yr Studies I am
not agst ye agreeable Relaxation you propose of a Tour to Lions, especially
as you take Mr Power with you, ye choice of yr Companion is an Instance
of yr Prudence & Virtue. I present my Sincerest Respects to him. I
think no more of ye Project I mention'd to you & wch I was fond of,
Fugaces labuntur Anni & ye Success would depend much on my Life.
Your French Letter is prettily wrote, I dont doubt but you will be a
perfect Master of ye Language —

As to news on ye 25th of Novr we took Possession of Fort
du Quesne on ye River Ohio or rather of ye Spot on wch it stood ye French
having blown up & destroyd ye Works. This ye want of Provisions
obliged them to & their want of Provisions proceeded from ye Loss
of Fort Frontiniac & ye Magazines there had they been supplyd
with Provisions ye Fort would have been still in their possession.
for by ye difficulty & length of ye Way our Troops were almost Starving
nor could they have got a Sufficient supply to stay a week before ye
Place. Our disappointment at Ticonderoga is imputed to ye Miscon=
=duct of General Abercrombie who it is said was not equal to the
Command. When he found he could not force ye French entrench=
=ments wch was attempted by a Coup de Main he should have made
an immediate retreat & proceeded by a regular Attack, instead of this
he left his Troops some hours exposd to ye murdering fire of our
Enemies. Mr Moncalms disposition for a defence is as much
censured by our Officers as Abercrombies Attack. They say if from
a rising ground with 2 or 3 peices of Cannon we c. have drove ye
French from their works wch we r so constructed as to be Enfiladed.
These are little Anecdotes all ye rest you may see in ye Gazetts.
Upon ye whole our Campaigne in America has been a glorious one.
& we doubt not ye Conquest of Canada next Campaigne, if ye Efforts
of this Year be equal to ye last wch we have no room to doubt: By
our Superiority at Sea all Supplies are cut of from Quebec their
Interpot Louisburgh is in our hands ye Isle of St Jean & several of their
Settlements are destroyd & ye Inhabitants sent to old France, Quebec
will not only want their help & ye Provisions they supplyd here
with but France will be burthened with ye Maintenance of so many
of her ruined Subjects. Things are in a quite opposite situation with us
ye Pay of so many Troops, ye Money laid out in Provisions & providing
Magazines &c for them circulates brishly among us, & we have Plenty of
Provisions for much more numerous Forces & more than enough beside
to supply our West India Islands, so yt ye War wch at r as a new thing was
Terrible to us is now our Interest & desire — Besides by ye Possession of
Fort du Quesne ye Western Frontier of Virginia Maryland & Pensilva=
=nia is secured agst ye Cruelties of ye Savages. At ye same time we see ye
Power of our Mother Country to be such yt she awes, invades & terrifies
ye Coasts of France, ruins her Settlements in Africa whither she has
sent a Squadron to secure them to our selves & yt she has sent out a
strong Squadron & a considerable Number of Land Forces to reduce
some of the Islands belonging to ye French in ye West Indies. We
know not yet where this storm is to fall, nor have we yet any Certain
Accot of ye arrival of our Fleet at Barbadoes. It is true by our
Publick Papers wch come down to ye 7th of Novr things go not so well with
us & our Ally ye Ko of Prussia in Germany should France again
Master ye Electorate, they may as some think have more than an
Equivalent in their hands were with to Purchase such a peace as
may be agreeable to them, while others think no forreign Interest
will hinder England from availing herself of ye Advantages
she has & may reap by her Superiority at Sea & in America. This
is a point wch I leave to time to clear up. Your Mama & I join in
our Prayers to God to bless you. Your Aunt Jenny loves you tenderly
Be regular & Virtuous & by being so secure to yr self peace &
happiness here & hereafter. I am

Dr Charley

Yr Mo: Affte Father

Chas: Carroll

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