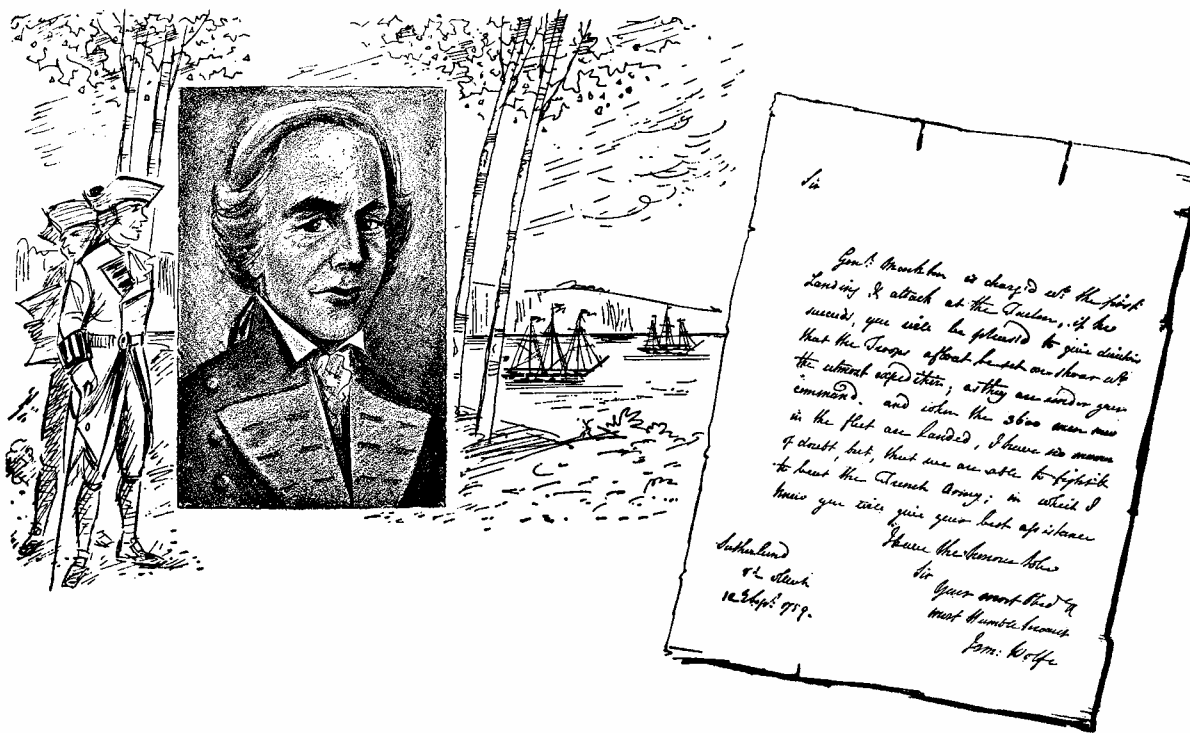


## FAMOUS LETTERS IN CANADIAN HISTORY



### Wolfe's Order To Strike—1759

The time had come!

The British men-of-war had maintained their desultory shelling of the fortress of Quebec through that long Summer and into the Fall of 1759.

Through it, Major General James Wolfe, commander of His Majesty's invasion force, kept his own counsel.

Now he was ready to strike.

From his cabin in the ship Sutherland he despatched this order which was to drastically alter the future of New France to General Townshend, one of his subordinate officers in the fleet.

At 32, James Wolfe succeeded mightily, but he paid for it with his life.

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#### Text of Wolfe's Historic Letter

Sir:

General Monckton is charged with the first landing and attack on the fortress. If he succeeds you will be pleased to give directions that the troops afloat be set on shore with the utmost expedition as they are under your command and when the 3,600 men now in the fleet are landed I

have no manner of doubt that we are able to fight and beat the French Army in which I know you will give your best assistance.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient and humble servant,

JAMES WOLFE.