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• Lord Ligonier

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Extract of a Letter from Sir  
Jeffery Amherst to L. Ligonier  
dated 21. Oct. 1761.

" Sometime since desir'd Governour Burton  
" to send me some Iron from the Trois Rivieres  
" that might have it prov'd here; he sent me  
" two pieces, of which the broadest and shortest  
" was hammer'd twice, the other once."

" The Principal Blacksmiths of New York,  
" who made the Experiment of the goodness and  
" properties of the Iron, reports, the largest bar  
" extremely hard, tho' malleable and easily  
" wrought for several purposes of hard Iron;  
" but what makes it most valuable, it will  
" make as good Steel as any that goes under  
" the Name of German Steel."

" The other Bar is more malleable and  
" fitter for all Sorts of Works in general; better  
" than any made in this Country, and even  
" exceeds that imported from Sweden; They  
" say it is as good as ever They saw in their  
" lives."

" From the above Report, I have order'd  
" the remains of the Bars to be pack'd up,  
" and to be sent by the first occasion to your  
" Lordship from Falmouth, to which place  
" the

"the Packett will take them. If these Blacksm  
" are not deceiv'd, it may hereafter turn out to  
" great advantage, perhaps, that the goodness  
" of the Iron in His Majesty's Forge at Canada  
" should be known, and I therefore send it  
" to your Lordship to make what Use of it  
" you judge proper."