

the Command of the Garrison at present all the Provincial Letter Bk. II.
Troops are formed into Independant Companies of 50 each P. 113
I apprehend he cannot leave there less than 5 or 6 of these
Companies. While the General is employed on the Ohio,
Gov^r Shirley's & S^r W^m Pepperell's Regiments with 500 Men
from the Jersies are to make an Attack on the French at
Niagara & more than 4000 Men more that are raised by the
N England & N York Gov^{rs} are to be commanded by one
Col^o Johnson & attempt the French Fort at Crown-Point
(called Fort S^r Frederick) on the Northern Frontier of N York.
This Colonel Johnson has resided many years among the
Mohawks a Tribe of the Six Indian nations & is in much
Esteem with them. The Hopes thereby to engage many of
those Savages to join in the Enterprize & at the same time his
being well regarded both by the People of N England &
N York induced the General to give Col^o Johnson such a
Command: he does not seem to want Courage but has never
seen any Service unless that during the late War he sometimes
headed a Party of Indians. I have not heard lately how they
go on in that part of the Continent but am in hopes that by
this time they are also ready to enter on Action—

[Gov. Shirley to Morris.]

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Boston June 23^d 1755

Sir

I am to inform your Honour that on the 21st ins^t the General
Assembly of this Province orderd a Bill to be brought in to
lay an Embargo upon all Vessels laden with Provisions (fish
only excepted) or with Warlike stores unless what are neces-
sary for the Voige for the space of one month provided never-
theless that the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time
being with the advice of the Council may Permitt a Supply to
be sent to the Arme^y & Navy with necessary Provisions within
that time.

They have likewise desird me to Write forthwith to the
other Governments informing them of this Determination of
this Government, and to desire that they would immediately
come into the same resolution for three months in which case
this Government will continue the like Embargo here for three
months also.

As their is certain Advice of a French Fleet being seen the
5th inst^t about 40 Leagues from Louisburgh & there is great
reason to think that the french there as well as at Canada are
but scantly supplied with Provisions, I doubt not but your
Government will act in Concert with us in this matter. Being