

between the Gov<sup>r</sup> & his Assembly were heard by Council before the Lords of Trade on the sixth Day of May last & their Lordship have reported in favour of the Governor unanimously & affectionately and I hope all Parties will subside & enter for the future into no other Contest th<sup>n</sup> who shall do the publick the most Service.

There is reason to think that two French Fleats and two English ones are arrivd and will knock heads together if they have not done it already. The French force is said to be 26 Capital Ships and the English Thirty two men of war besides Station Ships. Putting all the accounts together I think this may be reasonably deducd from them tho not w<sup>th</sup> absolute certainty.

We have no later news from the General than from his Camp on the 30<sup>th</sup> distant 35 miles from Fort Duquesne when all were well & in high spirits & full of Provisions.

I have the pleasure to assure you that by last Post the Gov<sup>r</sup> of New York wrote to our Gov<sup>r</sup> the agreable news of the whole Body of the Six Nations having declared in favour of his Majesty & his Arms & more offerd to joyn the Army than the several Legislatures had provided for joyful news this w<sup>ch</sup> you will please to transmit to Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie.

General Shirley is by this time at the carrying place between the Mohocks River & wood Creek running into the Onondago River. One Galley is already launchd of 36 Feet Keel and two more near being ready.

All looks well hitherto; if the General finds no opposition as I suspect he will not much, it appears to me that all the Force of Canada has vanishd away in an Instant, for we hear of none at Crown Point. none at Cataracqui none at Niagara. all are said to be on the Ohio & from there we have no accounts of any being arriv'd.

This may perhaps be the Case. that they have expected from France a General & Army and woud not come to any Determination untill the Arrival of the Reinforcements. now th<sup>t</sup> they find these are retarded by the vigilance of the English Ministry they have sent their forces to the several Places of their Destination & the dry weather has prevented the Water Conveyance

I am

Your Excellencys  
Most obedient  
humble Servant  
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18 July 1755.