

Division of his Army w<sup>ch</sup> was just then arrived in twenty Six Days from Skenectady the whole Body of Men then with him did not exceed 1400 of whom many were sick & One hundred kept constantly employed in constructing a place of Defence at the mouth of Oswego River on the Eastern Side. The Desertion of Battoe-Men had prevented his receiving proper Supplies of Provisions but he expressed hopes of being soon enabled by the Arrival of a sufficient quantity to attempt something before this time Colo Dunbar with the two Regiments & three Independant Companies has received Orders & is marched to Albany where General Shirley intends they shall take up their winter quarters & be in readiness to act seperately or in Conjunction with such provincials as the Colonies shall think fit to raise & march against any of the French Settlements early in the Spring—Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie has already dropt the Scheme of building a Fort this winter beyond the mountains, but his Officers are levying men for Coll Washington's Regiment that is to be diciplined & ready for Action as soon as the Severity of the Winter is over—

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

6<sup>th</sup> of Octobr 1755 transmitted by Capt Hamilton—

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I presume that long before this can be presented you will have heard of the Action that happened on the 8<sup>th</sup> Ult. between the French from Canada & the English Provincial Troops commanded by General Johnson near Wood Creek & Lake George (by the French called Sacrement) A particular & Authentick Account by Lett<sup>r</sup> of that Engagement I have not received, but you will see all that we know of the Affair in the late Pensilv<sup>a</sup> Gazetts w<sup>ch</sup> I have inclosed for your Perusal. The last of those papers will also shew You that the Controversy which has subsisted between Gover<sup>r</sup> Morris & the Pens<sup>a</sup> Assembly is not more likely to be terminated than it was when I sent some Proceedings of theirs with a former Lett<sup>r</sup> I have just received a Lett<sup>r</sup> from Gen<sup>l</sup> Shirley dated at Oswego the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> wherein he tells me that the last Division of the Forces under his Command being arrived there on the 2<sup>d</sup> of that Month after a March of 26 Days from Skenectady he found that the whole Number then with him did not exceed 1400 of whom 100 were kept constantly employed in constructing a new Fort, which tho he does not say it I conclude is on a Point that commands Oswego Fort. By the Desertion of Boat & Battoe-Men he tells me he had not been able to get up any Quantity of Provisions so that he had at that time

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