

the defence of the province but at present can't say whether anything will be done or not, They have indeed pass'd a Militia Bill, but with no other view, but that I shoud refuse it, and then to raise a Clamour against me on that account, but as it is of such a nature as cannot be carried into execution, I have disappointed them and given my consent to it.—

I have wrote to the General not to depend upon my being at York, but will however strain hard for the pleasure of spending at least one day there tho' I dare not be too sanguine in my hopes of doing so, least I shoud be disappointed.

I am very glad the French near Johnson are not so numerous as they were represented if they were I know not in what manner we shoud resist them. I wish you health and pleasure I am Sir

Your Most obed^t Humble Serv^t
Rob^t H: Morris

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Gov^r Sharpe.

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

N York the 25th of Novem. 1755—

Sir

The 8th of this Month I arrived here & have been every Day since expecting General Shirley from Albany where he tells me in a Lett^r dated the 16th which I yesterday rec^d from him " he has been detained by the Necessity of unforeseen Business of the greatest Consequence but gives me Room to expect him some Day this week at farthest. Finding it impracticable to make an Attempt on either of the French on Ontario Lake this Season the General has left 700 Men of his own & S^r W^m Pepperells Regiments at Oswego under the Command of Lieut^t Col^o Mercer & taken the Rest of those Regiments down to Winter in the inhabited Parts of this Province. Some
p. 175 Gentⁿ of this City have been informed by their Correspondents at Albany that on the 12th & 13th Inst. Expresses arrived there from General Johnson's Camp on Lake George with Letters importing that a Body of 8000 or 9000 of the Enemy had been discovered by some Indian Scouts on the East Side of the Lake within 20 Miles of the English Army & advancing towards them. On the Receipt of this Intelligence it seems General Shirley called a Council of War & Impress-Warrants were issued for all the Waggons & Horses that could be got to carry Provisions up to the Army: Col^o Scuyler with the Jersey Regiment that was just come to Albany from Oswego & some Provincial Troops that had wth leave left General Johnson a few Days before marched to reinforce him & the