

Letter Bk. II. of one of them. It is said that the Provincial Troops consisting of about 2700 that are under the Command of General Johnson could not be persuaded to proceed after the Action on Lake George but they have built a pretty strong Fort there & another about 20 miles on this side which will be garrisoned one with 600 & the other with 300 of the Provincials while the rest return home for winter quarters. The men that we have raised in Maryland & posted on our Frontiers deter the Indians from appearing there but I hear that Pens<sup>a</sup> which is quite defenceless & on Account of the Disputes that subsist between  
 p. 161 the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Assembly likely to continue so suffers severely by the Incursions of the Indians who have lately approached within 60 miles of Phil<sup>a</sup> & laid waste the Country—

[Sharpe to Hanbury.]

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At the Request of General Shirley I am expecting him at this place where he tells me he is desirous of having an Interview w<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Cha Hardy, Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris & myself. The General is now at Albany where he tells me he has been detained by some Business of the greatest Importance but promises to leave it about this time. As it was found impracticable to make any Attempt on the French Forts at Cataracui or Niagara this year on Account of the Enemy's Strength at those places as well as the want of sufficient quantities of Provision which could not be got up to Oswego till very late in the summer, the General employed himself in building some Vessels on the Lake & making Oswego more defensible; to garrison it this winter he has left about 800 Men of his own & S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Pepperell's Regiments, & the Rest at some little Forts that are built on the Mohawks River & the Oneida Lake between Albany & Ontario. The General I am informed is impowered & is come to a Resolution to prepare for the next Campaign by raising two more Regiments in these Colonies this winter  
 p. 162 which will be on the Establishment, As the General will not take upon himself to appoint Colonels to them & as I presume they are not already disposed of, encourag'd by the Readiness you shewed last year to do me Service I take the Liberty to desire your Interest on this Occasion & flatter myself you will not refuse to favour my Sollicitation. General Johnson is building a Fort on an Arm of Lake George where he was attacked by the French in Sept<sup>r</sup> last but obliged them to retire with the Loss it is said of 100 or 200 of their Men & their General the Baron de Dieskau who lies ill of his wounds in this City. When General Johnson has finished his Fort he will