

Instructions to carry into Execution. That in Order to inform them fully of the State of those Services, it was necessary for him to acquaint them that in His Majesty's said Instructions it is declared.

1st that whereas The French would in all probality endeavour to reinforce the several Posts they have on the River Ohio & on the Lakes to the westward of it, by sending Troops up the River Mississippi, it was His Royal Will & Pleasure that as the Season would allow Troops to take the Field much sooner in the Southern parts than in any other parts of his Colonies he should begin his operations there as soon as the Weather would permit; & was therefore ordered to direct the Troops under his Command to be carried up the River Potowmack as high as Will's Creek in order to proceed to Fort Du Quesne—

2^{dly} That as soon as the late General should have been able to drive the French from their Posts on the Ohio he should take proper Measures for Erecting a good & sufficient Fort on the most convenient Pass upon the said River & to leave a strong Garrison consisting of the three Independant Companies then in Virginia, sustained by such a part of the whole of the Provincial Troops as he shall find necessary to defend the same & to protect the Indians in those parts as well as the Settlements which had been broke up—

3^{dly} That the next Service which His Majesty directs & declares to be of the greatest Importance & therefore to demand the utmost Care & Attention is the Dislodging the French from the Forts they have at the Falls & passes of the Niagara, & the Erecting such a Fort there as shall for the future make His Majesty's Subjects Masters of the Lake Ontario & that if for this purpose the said late General Braddock should find it necessary to have Ships upon the said Lake Ontario he should concert with the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships & the Governors of New England & N York the manner & Means of building & manning such Vessels as shall be most proper for that Service.

4^{thly} That it is in the said Instructions declared to be His Majesty's further Will & pleasure that in order to accelerate the Execution of so salutary an undertaking the said General Braddock should in case the Regiments intended to be raised by Gov^r Shirley & S^r W^m Pepperell should be ready to act before the French could be drove from their Posts on the Ohio to employ the said two Regiments in the immediate Reduction of Niagara & Crown Point.

5^{thly} That in case the said two Regiments of Shirley & Pepperell should not be raised & ready to act till the time that the Service on the Ohio should be finished it is declared to be