

the same, and to protect the Indians in those Parts as well as the Settlements which had been broke up)

3dly) That the next Service which his Majesty directs, & declares to be of the greatest Importance and therefore to Demand the utmost Care, and Attention, is the Dislodging the French from the Forts they have at the Falls & Rapids of the Niagara, and the erecting such a Fort as shall for the future make his Majesty's Subjects Masters of the Lake Ontario and that if for this purpose the said late General Braddock to have Ships upon the said Lake Ontario, he should concert with the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and the Governours of New England and New York the manner and means of Building & Manning such Vessels as shall be most proper for that Service

4thly) That it is in the said Instructions Declared to be his Majesty's further Will and 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 Governour Shirley and Sir William Dummer should be ready to act before the French could be drove from their Post on the Ohio, to employ the said two Regiments in the immediate Reduction of Niagara and Crown Point

5thly) That in case the said two Regiments of Shirley and Dummer's should not be raised and ready to act till the time that the Service on the Ohio should be finished It is declared to be his Majesty's Will and Pleasure that if then the said General Braddock should find it necessary to March his whole Force to make himself Master of the Posts before mentioned at Niagara he should take the most prudent means of Joining his said Force with the British Battalions to effect that most Essential and Necessary Service

6thly) That if the said General Braddock should find that the two British Regiments would be sufficient for performing the Service at Niagara he might then employ the two American Regiments at the same time in disposing the French from their Posts at Crown Point on the Lake Champlain, which was the next point he was to endeavour to gain, But that no Definitive Instructions could be given him on this head as he could only Judge thereafter whether such a separate Operation could be undertaken at the same time, that he was making himself Master of the most Material one at Niagara, however that after he should have disposed himself of the Niagara Forts and should have opened a safe Communication betwixt that and Oswego it was his Majesty's Will and Pleasure, that the next Service he should proceed upon should be,

7thly) The Reduction of the Fort. ret. Crown Point. and erecting another upon the Lake Champlain, in such place as he should find most Effectual for Bridling the French Indians in those parts and for Securing and protecting the Neighbouring Colonies

His Excellency thereupon observed to the Council that the Reasons assigned in his Majesty's Instructions for Ordering General Braddock to begin his Operations upon the Ohio seems to be principally founded on some Information which had been given that the Support of the French Forts and Settlements upon the Mississippi

His Excellency the General then acquainted the Council that none of the attempts made for effecting the before mentioned Services in the last Summer had been carried into Execution but these several before mentioned