

That after Dislodging the French Troops at Cataragui & La Galatiere they should be employed in attacking the French Forts and Settlements at Niagara, Crown Isle, the River au Bas de Detroit & Missilimachinac, and to secure the several Posts there: That 3000 Troops should at the same time be Marched to Fort Duquesne by Land from Mills's Creek to attack that Fort.

That Crown Point should be at the same time attacked with 6000 Troops, a Fort afterwards built on Lake Champlain and one or more Vessels built to navigate that Lake and in order to Divide the Force of Canada more Effectually after breaking up all French Settlements upon the River Chaudiere with 2000 Troops about the same time to make a point with them on Quebec, at the Mouth of the said River, which is within three Miles Distant of that Metropolis Situate on the opposite Side of the River S^t Lawrence

His Excellency then desired the Opinion and Advice of the Council upon every part of the Proposed Plan and particularly whether the Number of Troops Proposed for carrying every Part of the said Expedition into Execution at one and the same time was Sufficient, or whether any Less or Greater Number might be sufficient to Do it.

His Excellency then Observed to the Council that if the before mentioned Attempts for the Reduction of the French Forts and Settlements upon the Lake & the Ohio, & Crown Point should not be made at the same time but one of them only carried on at a time these Dangers would ensue, Vizt, If an Attempt should be made upon the Lake Ontario for the Reduction of the Forts at Cataragui & Niagara &c. without any against Crown Point the French would either bend the chief part of the whole Force of Canada to oppose it, in which case so large a Body of Troops would be required to encounter it there as would make the Transportation of them & their Stores & Provisions to Oswego, in time almost impracticable or else the French would Muster so strong a Force against Albany as might take it and by that means likewise cut off all Communication between it and the Forces at Oswego which must Receive its whole Support of Stores and Provisions from thence

On the other hand if an Attempt should be made for the Reduction of Crown Point only and not against Fort Cataragui, Niagara &c. at the same time Oswego which from the Intelligence gained at that Place appears to be the great Object of the French, would be in danger of being lost to them in case they should bend their Principal Force against it which Loss would be an irretrievable one to the English, as it would not only be Loss of the Country as far as Albany together with the Six Nations but give the French the Dominion of the Great Lake and the whole Southern Country

His Excellency then acquainted the Council that immediately before his Departure from Oswego as well as since he has had Received Intelligence that the French are Building at least three large Vessels of Force in the Harbour of Cataragui which together with those they had already built will be much Superior to those built by us, on the Lake, whereupon he likewise desires the Opinion Advice of the Council concerning his causing more Vessels to be built and of a larger Force upon the Lake than what his Majesty hath there already