

continual Desertion of the Garrison since their Regular
separated from them, cannot but give him great Room for
Annoyance. I am told, that Colonel Dunbar who is at
Phil^a has received Orders from General Shirley to join
him as soon as possible, & I expect that in compliance with
such Orders the Troops are ^{by this time} about to leave that Place.
Late Letters from the Northward I have received none
but the Gazettes inform us that General Johnson thought
himself too weak to invest Crown Point & therefore was em-
ploying himself in raising a Fort 20 Miles on this Side
thereof ~~the~~ he could be reinforced from the N England
Govern^{rs} to whom he had made his Situation known &
from whom we hope he will receive sufficient & timely
succours. General Shirley I apprehend acts only on the
Defensive & is busied in erecting a strong Fort on the Shore
of Ontario Lake whereon it is said we have three Vessels
of Force. as soon as I receive any Intelligence from
that Quarter or if any thing of importance occurs in your
Lordship's Province I shall not fail to send Your Ld^{ship}
immediate Advice thereof & in the mean time I remain
Y^r Ld^{ship}'s

Copy of the th 31st Lett^r to M^r Calvert dated the
15th Sept 1755 transmitted by Capt.

So with Duplicates of my last Letter I inclose you the
latest News^{es} Gazette which contains all the News that
we have received from the Northward; No account has
been brought from Fort Cumberland since that which