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Assembly is not more likely to be terminated than it  
was when I sent some Proceedings of theirs with a former  
Lett. I have just received a Lett<sup>r</sup> from Gen<sup>l</sup> Shirley  
dated at Oswego the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> wherein he tells me that  
the last Division of the Forces under his Command  
being arrived there on the 2<sup>d</sup> of that Month after a  
march of 26 Days from Shenectady, he found that the  
whole Number then with him did not exceed 1400 of  
whom 100 were kept constantly employed in constructing  
a new Fort, which tho he does not say it I conclude  
is on a Point that commands Oswego Fort. By the  
Desertion of most of his Men he tells me he had  
not been able to get up any Quantity of Provisions so  
that he had at that time scarcely enough for any Ser-  
vice that would require Ten Days in the Execution,  
however he seems to entertain hopes of being able to enter  
on Action before this time, in Case the Supplies of Provi-  
sions that were hourly expected did not fail him.  
Coll<sup>l</sup> Dunbar with the two Regiments & three Independent  
Companies are ordered to Albany where General Shirley  
proposes they shall take up their winter Quarters &  
be in readiness to act seperately or in Conjunction with  
the Troops now at Oswego or such Provincials as the  
Colonies shall think fit to raise & march against the  
French early in the Spring. The General desires me  
to prevail on our Assembly to send Commissioners  
to N York the 15<sup>th</sup> of Novem<sup>r</sup> next & to empower them