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Johnson having almost finished the Fort which he has been building at the Carrying Place near Lake George is about to return home with most of the Provincial Troops for want of sufficient Supplies of Provisions, for the Troops that have joined him since the 8th of Sept. General Shirley was preparing the 9th of last Month to make a Descent on Fort Frontenac or Cataracui but as I have not since heard from him I begin to fear he has found it impracticable I have not heard from Fort Cumberland since I writ last, but it is said that the Indians have lately disappeared with a Design (a Person who fell into their hands say) to deliver their Captives & Scalps at Fort Du. Queune & then return in greater Numbers - Beside Capt Dagworthy's Company at Fort Cumberland I have posted two small Companies of Men on the Frontiers & have ordered a Party of 30 Men from each County on this Side the Bay to range on the Frontiers during the Space of one Month from their arrival these two of the Parties are already marched & that from hence will march Saturday Morning. This Step will I hope hinder more of the People from leaving their Plantations beyond Conegoque tho' I doubt such Troops are not to be much relied on, with

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Sir In my other Letter I have observed that the Arreages that become due on Absentees Lands will be charged in