

Regiments will be sent from Europe before the next Campaign otherwise I am afraid General Shirley will find sufficient Employment for the four that are already here to secure the Navigation of Ontario Lake, upon which we have advised him to build immediately three or more larger Vessels than those two that he built last summer; upon an Information laid before us that the French have at this time three Vessels of considerable force, on the stocks in Cataracui Harbour. Govr Dinwiddie tells me that finding his Assembly too about to enter into Cabals at their last Meeting he dissolved them & issued Writs for a New Election, which being made he will convene the Assembly again & sollicit further Supplies for carrying on another Expedition ag^t Fort Duquesne which was adjourned to be done at the late Congress at N York.

I am afraid Crown Point is not acceptable for any Body of Provincial Troops, however the General intends to sollicit all the Colonies to engage together & make another Attempt to reduce that place while he is securing Ontario Lake & making a Dazzle or Cataracui, Niagara Forts.

Copy of A^t 43 Sent to Mr Calvert transmitted by the Pachett from N York dated the 8th March 1756.

M^r M^r S^r I^r was pleased by his Instructions bearing Date the 22^d of Aug^r to direct me to appoint Mr Young (who by marrying Mr Graham is become related to this Lord) to the