

sition & that I must pay from my own purse for the Convoys
of Ammunition to the Militia I will. I hope receive your
Orders to convey up the Stores that you mention & I apprehend
they would be carried with less Danger by Land than by
water. Gov. Shirley advised me before he left Boston
(I believe he is at this on his way from Albany to Oswego)
that the French Fleet from Fort was seen by several vessels
a little to the Eastward of Cape Breton & that certain
Intelligence had been brought to Boston of Admiral Boscawen's
being at St Johns in Newfoundland with 10
Capital Ships 3 of his Squadron having separated from
him in the passage, Gov Morris in his Lett says "last night
we had acc^t that the French Fleet with good Land Forces
were in the Harbour of Louisburg & that Boscawen with
13 Ships of the Line was before it, this News may I believe
be depended on tho it is not absolutely certain". private Letts
from Phila say the French Fleet consists of 6 Men of War
& 9 large Transports, there is great reason to think that the
Embargo which was laid in Ireland on Provisions made them
sail before they could be extremely well supplied, if so they
will I suppose soon be distressed at Louisburg especially as
the Northern Gov^t have laid an Embargo for one Month
on all Ships that are laden with Provisions unless such be wanted
for the British Fleet or the Nova Scotia Forces. I thank you
for remitting me the Bill that was inclosed; Your kindness in
putting my Packett for England on board the first Ship
that sails & forwarding the Letts to the Commodore will much
oblige &