

Troops are formed into Independent Companies of 50 each. I apprehend he cannot leave there less than 5 or 6 of these Companies. While the General is employed on the Ohio, Col^l Shirley & Sr Wm Pepperells Regiments with 500 Men from the Jersey are to make an Attack on the French at Niagara & more than 5000 Men more that are raised by the England & N York Co^ls are to be commanded by one Col^l Johnson & attempt the French Fort at Crown Point (called Fort St. Frederick) on the Northern Frontier of N York. This Colonel Johnson has resided many Years among the Mohawks & Tribe of the Six Indian Nations & is in much Esteem with them. The Hopes thereby to engage many of those Savages to join in the Enterprize, at the same time his being well regarded both by the People of England & N York induced the General to give Col^l Johnson such a Command; he does not seem to want Courage, but has never seen any Service unless that during the late War he sometimes headed a Party of Indians. I have not heard lately how they go on in that Part of the Continent but am in hopes that by this time they are also ready to enter on Action.

Bladensburg. July 23rd to Sr Tho^s Robinson

At Honourable,

I am Sorry to have such an Occasion to write but as we have a Ship just about to depart I embrace the Opportunity to acquaint you that I have this Instant reciev'd a Letter from Capt Orme who is at Fort Cumberland, ill of his wounds, in which he gives me a brief Account of the unfortunate