

Queer in the temperate Months of 7^{ber} 8^{ber} & 9^{ber} but as we have
 no Artillery in this Part of His Majesty's Dominions, & there
 being little Probability of the Colonies uniting or acting with
 Unanimity, I am afraid the Troops under the Command of
 Colo. Dunbar will scarcely proceed to Action again before
 Instructions can be received from England, unless he marches
 with some of them Northward, to support Shirley or to Enpost
 himself somewhere in the distant Parts of Pensilva^{nia} near the
 Easternmost Branch of the Ohio River. I am apt to think
 as I above hinted that what the French will now have
 principally in view & will leave no Stone unturned to accom-
 plish is the making themselves Masters of the Lake Ontario
 & indeed that Acquisition seems to be of such Consequence or
 rather so absolutely necessary for the well-being of their Troops
 on the Ohio & elsewhere to the Southward, that I shall not
 be surprized to hear that they have bent the whole Strength of
 Canada against Governor Shirley, & tho' they should not succeed
 against him this Summer yet I am persuaded that that impor-
 tant Post will not be secured as it ought to be until General
 Shirley be well succoured either from England or by the Colonies

A Letter was also transmitted at the same time to W^m Sharpe Esq,
 beginning as follows.

My Brother My Letter of the 15th will I doubt not make you
 very impatient & anxious to know what has been the Event
 of the Engagement which happened between the Troops
 commanded by General Braddock, & the same as the Letters
to Baltimore then proceeds. fresh Provisions & such things as