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In my Lett<sup>r</sup> dated the 11<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>r</sup>. I informed you that Col<sup>l</sup> Dunbar with the Remains of the two Regiments & the 3 Independant Companies was on his March from Fort Cumberland to Philadelphia, by Letters thence I learn that he arriv'd at that Place a fortnight ago & that as soon as he could get some necessary Cloaths made for the Men who were in great want thereof & a little Field Equippage ~~made~~ he would obey General Shirley's Order by proceeding to New York, making the best of his way to Oswego. Of that Place is not much less than 400 Miles distant from New York I am afraid he will not be able to reach it & reinforce General Shirley time enough to enable him to make a successful Attempt on Niagara this Year, I believe that without his Assistance that Enterprize will not be undertaken, indeed I think that if the General can secure himself, construct a strong Place of Defence on the Shore & by the Defects that are building secure the Lake Ontario this Year he will do good Service & be in a fair way of making a Conquest early in the Spring; The Fort & Ramp of Niagara is in