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will be the (we) I apprehend the French will
immediately dispossess us thereof - as soon as they hear
of your arrival, that they have something to fear
on Account of their late acquired Possessions on the
Ohio had the General used, less Dispatch in
marching to Fort Duquesne & employed his Men
in making Places of Defence at proper Distances
as they marched the Enemy would have been kept in
Suspence on the Ohio while things were carried on
more privately to the Northward, till a Descent
could have been made by Water on Niagara but
as General Braddock thro the impatience of the
Young People about him as 'tis said, hurried on
too fast - & miscarried so early in the Summer I am
afraid there are not this more Troops at the Streight
than Shirley is able, or will undertake to deal with.
Colonel Johnson I see, by the Northern Papers conceiving
himself too weak, to invest the French Fort at
Crown Point is employing his Men in raising
another about 20 Miles on this side thereof - till he
can be reinforced from the New England Governm^t
to whom he has made his Situation known & sollici-
ted immediate Succour. I inclose you our last
Gazette which contains all the News we have
lately received from Boston, which makes us flatter
ourselves with hopes that Admiral Boscawen will
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