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Oct 6. 1755 to Mr Shaffer Esq.

Dear Sir

The Day after my last was writ to you I accompanied Sr M^r of Chair 40 Miles by water towards Phila. intending to make a short Tour thence thro part of the Province in Company with the Judges who happened to be at that time on the Circuit. The third Day after Sr John left us I received some Account of an Action that had happened on the 8th of that Month between a large Body of French & Indians from Canada & the English Provincial Troops who were under the Command of General Johnson near the Shore of what the French call Lake Sacrement. Since that time I have been in Expectation of receiving an Authentick & circumstantial Account of that Engagement, which I find was much in our favour but hitherto I owe all the Informations that I have received concerning it to the Gazettes w^{ch} you have inclosed. General Shitley in a Lett^r dated at Oswego the 9th of Sept^r tells me that including the last Division of his Army w^{ch} was just then arriv'd in twenty six Days from there w^{as} the whole Body of Men then with him did not exceed 1400 of whom many were sick & one hundred kept constantly employ'd in constructing a place of Defence at the Mouth of Oswego River on the Eastern Side. The Desertion of Battoe-Men had prevented his receiving proper Supplies of