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To appoint any I should be glad you would embrace this
Opportunity of exerting your Interest in my favour & endeavour
to procure me the Command of one of these Regiments;
such a Nomination will enable me to raise a considerable
Number of Men in Maryland & I am apt to think that
unless some Gentlemen of Interest on the Continent have
the Command it will not be very easy to raise such a
Number of Men in these Colonies. I hope Ld. Baltimore
will not be averse to such a Step but it will be proper
to consult him thereon

To Lord Albemarle Nov. 27. 1755 N York
My Ld

I have been at this place near three weeks waiting
General Shirley's Arrival from Albany where I find he has
been detained contrary to his Expectation so long after the
time that he desired me to be here at an Interview with
Sr Charles Hardy Gov Morris & himself. As our ill Success
in July enabled the Enemy to reinforce the Garrisons on the
Lakes while the Difficulty of getting a sufficient Quantity
of Provisions & those things that were necessary for such an
Enterprize to Oswego early in the Season made an attempt
on either of the French Posts at Cataracui or Niagara
impracticable this Year General Shirley contented himself
with rendering Oswego more defensible & building two small
Vessels on Ontario Lake that carry 6 Carriages & 20 Shovel Guns
each the French it seems to prevent the ill Consequences
that would follow our being Masters of the Lake are building