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likely to continue so suffers severely by the Incursions of
the Indians who have lately approached within 60 miles
of Phila. & laid waste the Country

M^{rs} Hanbury. Nov^r 27. 1755

To
At the Request of General Shirley I am expecting him
at this Place where he tells me he is desirous of having an
Interview wth Sr Chas Hardy, Gov Morris & myself. The
General is now at Albany where he tells me he has been
detained by some Business of the greatest Importance but
promises to leave it about this time. As it was found
impracticable to make any Attempt on the French Forts
at Cataracui or Niagara this Year on Account of the
Enemy's Strength at those Places as well as the want of
sufficient Quantities of Provision which could not be got
up to Oswego till very late in the Summer, the General
employed himself in building some Castles on the Lake
& making Oswego more defensible; to garrison it this winter
he has left about 800 Men of his own & Sr Wm Pepperells
Regiments, & the best at some little Forts that are built
on the Mohawks River & the Oneida Lake between Albany
& Ontario. The General I am informed is empowered & is
come to a Resolution to prepare for the next Campaign
by raising two more Regiments in these Colonies this win-
ter which will be on the Establishment; As the General
will not take upon himself to appoint Colonels to them