

appointed. You desire me to inform you what was  
 resolved on at that Congress I presume you will by  
 this same Convoiance receive a Copy of the Journal of  
 our Proceedings, should you not, I will inclose you one  
 as soon as the General shall send me a Copy. The  
 first & principal Thing the Council advised was the  
 securing at all Events & at any Expence the Navigation  
 or Mastery of Ontario Lake, in Consequence of such  
 Advice the General has I apprehend already given  
 Orders for the immediate building of three or more Vessels  
 of greater Force than those which were built <sup>last</sup> Summer  
 & a Number of Whale-Boats for the Transportation of  
 the Troops that may be employed in that Service to  
 Niagara or Cataracui Fort. The greatest Part of the  
 General's & Sr Wm Pepperell's Regiments are left under  
 the Command of Lieut Col<sup>o</sup> Mercier to garrison Oswego  
 this Winter & 'tis proposed that the two British Regiments  
 (one of w<sup>ch</sup> is at Albany the other at Strenectady) shall join  
 them in the Spring as early as Marching is practicable.  
 With these Regiments I conceive General Shitley will  
 make a Descent on one or both of the French Forts at  
 that Lake while a Body of Provincial Troops (should  
 None other be sent over) attempt Crown Point, at least