

Dimurddis's Lett wherein he had intimated that the Colonel ought to have advised
the several Governours on the Continent of the Generals ill Success, & of his own In-
tentions & Resolutions thereon. I could not help observing that as to that I thought
Governour Dimurddis's Expectations were not at all unreasonable as General Brad-
dock had been particularly instructed to keep up a constant Correspondence with
all my Friends Mr. John joins me in representing to him the ill Conse-
quence that might attend his marching so suddenly from Fort Cumberland without
advising the Neighbouring Governours thereof, for my own part I said I had not
waited for a Lett from him tho I should have esteemed his Writing as a Favour
but as I had learnt before I came thither that he had left or was about to leave
the Frontiers I had taken some Care on my Return towards Annapolis to take more
effectual Measures for the Safety of the People under my Care, & that no doubt
Governour Dimurddis & Mr. Mome would have done the same had they been advised
as if they should accidentally hear of the Step which he was about to take. Soon
after I left the Camp he began his March but had not proceeded far before Colo.
Innes (whom General Braddock had appointed Governour of Fort Cumberland) sent after
him desiring a Reinforcement the Provincial Troops that were left being not supposed a
sufficient Garrison for the Defence of the Fort; the Lett was writ with great Freedom &
the Penman did not seem to have considered what Phrases would be most agreeable to the
Gentlemen to whom it was addressed the Colonel I believe took no Notice of it but con-
tinued his March & soon afterwards received General Shirley's Orders to proceed to Albany
with all possible Expedition. — Mr. Wm Johnson is not as you seem to expect to
have the Command of the Provincial Troops that are raising in the Eastern Colonies for
another Expedition against Crown Point, that is to be given to Colo Winsloe who
commanded the New England Troops last Summer in Nova Scotia. I cannot learn
what Character he bears as an Officer but he is much esteemed in New England &
it is said the Eastern Colonies have resolved to raise for him near 9000. Mr. Wm Johnson
will concern himself only with the Indians which is his proper Sphere, I believe the Indians
that he leads are to act in conjunction with the Regulars & the Jersey Regiment on their Part
this Summer. I have been informed that to support his Interest among the Indians of the
Six Nations, he had almost spent his Fortune therefore it gives me pleasure to hear
that his Services have been rewarded in the Manner you mention. I am inclined to
think General Shirley must be weary of his Command & will resign without much
Reluctance; the Voice of his being superseded will not I believe be unwelcome to the
Troops or the Inhabitants of N York but I fear the People of the Massachusetts
Bay will not be so well satisfied with any Gentl^r that might be appointed his
Successor in that Govern^t. — General Braddock was ordered before he left