

thought proper very soon after the Reduction of Niagara to abandon &
destroy all the Forts which they had till that time held on the Southern
Shore of Lake Erie & on the Head Branches of the Ohio River; It is
with pleasure I now inform Your L^{dy} that this Step of the Enemy has
had a very good Effect on the Ohio Indians in our favour, so that
None of them have since presumed to annoy our Troops under the Com^{ds}
mand of Brig^{de} Stanwix, or to commit any Act of Hostility whatever; &
I do not doubt but in a few Months the Westernmost Parts of this & the
Neighbouring Provinces will be as well settled, if Nothing extraordinary
happens to prevent it as they were before the Beginning of the War.
At the time that I gave Your L^{dy} an Account of the Enemy having
abandoned Crown Point I was in hopes that we should before this
time have heard of General Amherst having pursued them to Montreal
but it seems they had so many such warlike Vessels on Lake Cham-
plain that it was not prudent to attempt a Passage in such Boats
as transported his Army over Lake George & Vessels of Force could not
be built & launcht till near the Middle of this Month, however I
hope it is not yet too late for him to proceed especially as Mr Wolfe
continuing before Quebec will keep Mons^{rs} Vaudreuil in awe & prevent
his sending any large Reinforcement to the Troops which are already
posted at the North End of Champlain Lake to oppose General Am-
herst's Progress. We have an Account from Phila^{del} of General Gage
having gone from Oswego down the River St Lawrence with a con-
siderable Body of Soldiers & a Number of Indians under the Direction
of Mr William Johnson to attack a Post & Settlement of the Enemy
called La Galette or Oswegatchie & to lay waste that part of Canada