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Lands. This Cession comprehends an Extent of Land,
the Breadth of 60 Miles, along the Coasts of the Lakes
Ontario and *Erie*. I have given this Contract to Colonel
Johnson, with Orders to present it to them from me, and
to assure them that I am come here upon no other Design,
than to retake these Lands from the *French*, and preserve
them for their Use ¶.

I will not recount, Word for Word, what has been
propos'd in Council, about the Vessels which are to be
built upon *Lake-Ontario*; Commodore *Keppel* and I, have
agreed to give Mr. *Shirley* the Direction of that Affair,
and thought proper to give him Liberty to determine the
Size and Force of these Vessels, as he thought proper.

I propose to begin my March, in order to attack the
Fort on the *Ohio*, with all possible Diligence: I thought
to be by this Time upon the Mountains, but I have been
detained by a Number of Difficulties, as well through
the Inconveniency of the Climate, and State of the Coun-
try, as the Want of a great Number of Horses, Wag-
gons, and other Equipages, which have been sought long
before they could be procured.

I set off To-morrow, for *Frederick*, which is on the
Road to *Fort-Cumberland*, upon *Wills's-Creek*, and before
the End of *June*, I hope I shall be able to give an exact
Account of the Affair at the *Ohio*. I hope I shall have
the Power to put in Execution, the Plan which I have
formed, for forcing from the *French* the most conside-
rable Usurpations that they have made upon his Ma-
jesty's Frontiers of *North-America*. Should I succeed in
the most important of these Operations, I am persuaded
that it will be easy for his Majesty to stop the Projects
of the *French*, which increase more and more upon this
Continent. I am, with Respect, &c.

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¶ It is excellent enough, that notwithstanding this pretended Con-
tract, of which they make a great Account of in *Europe*, they are obliged
in *America*, to endeavour to persuade the *Indians* (a People who are
not to be bubbled) that they are at War, for no other Reason than
to reinstate them in their Possessions.