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Nelson, one of his Ma-
jesty's State.

9th of April, 1755.
to you from Williamsf.
by a Vessel which was

Mr. Shirley, accompanied
whom I made mention
ing with Col. Johnson.
laid before me a Plan,
or Lawrance (of which
you) for besieging the
given an entire Appro-
priation, immediate
Command, and go upon

upon a Plan for the Re-
which is to be executed
in the northern Co-
lonies, under the Command
recommended for the great
and Humours of the
for the Reputation he
has.

most important of all our
Mr. Shirley to take that
which he readily did. I
under his Command, his
completed; and that of
are for that Expedition,
formerly gave Orders for
Maguen, with two Com-
panies the two Independent
I thought a necessary
on a Condition, as might
secure a Retreat for our
As
I have.

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As Mr. Shirley is the Officer who is to command after
me, and of whose Integrity and Zeal for his Majesty's
Service, I have a very great Opinion, I gave him Autho-
rity, in Case there was no Treasury nominated in the
North, to draw upon his Majesty's Treasury for the Ac-
count of Expences of the Service of his own District.

I have written to the Duke of Newcastle, to convince
him of the Necessity of acting in this Manner; consi-
dering at what Distance we are, and Impossibility of being
able to confer Notes upon this Subject. He writes, that
Governor Shirley has proposed to him, to treat the two
new-raised Regiments, as those of Old-England.

The Copy inclosed, will acquaint you, of the diffe-
rent Subjects that have been examined in Council, and
what I brought upon the Carpet at this Interview, which
I have had with the Governors. As I have been charged
by his Majesty, to employ those Persons I should find
most proper for bringing over the Six Indian Nations to
his Interest; it appeared in Council, of the greatest Con-
sequence, and to deserve a much greater Attention, than
I at first imagined, that for some Years, their Conduct
towards us, declared a Dissatisfaction on the Part of those
Six Nations, and it appeared that they greatly failed in the
Confidence they reposed in his Majesty's Arms. I pro-
posed Colonel Johnson, as the properest Person for that
Embassy; because of the great Credit he has among
them. My Choice was unanimously approved of by the
Council; I have therefore sent him a Speech which he is
to make in my Name, with more extensive Power to
treat with them; and he alone is charged with this Ne-
gociation. For that End, I have advanced to him the
Sum of Two Thousand Pounds; £. 800 of which is to be
given them immediately, in Presents, and reimbursed
by the Colonies; the Rest for Presents hereafter, and to
pay whatever it may cost, to set them to work. I have
in like Manner given him Power to draw upon Governor
Shirley, for more considerable Sums, in Case of absolute
Necessity, upon no other Proviso, than to keep an exact
Account