

1756. *Crown Point*, it appears, that if the Provincial Troops and * 2 Regiments of Regulars, which was the Force destin'd by Mr. *Shirley* for that Service, had proceeded in it by the Middle of *July*, which was the Time when the Provincials *actually begun* their March from *Half Moon*, and the 48th Regiment from *Albany* (in which Case they would have come before *Tionderoge* in the Absence of Mr. *Montcalm* and his 4500 Men, that were *then* upon *Lake Ontario*) they would, in all Probability, have been strong enough to have succeeded in their Attempt against the Force, which the Enemy could *then* have for the Defence of their Forts in that Quarter:——It is apparent, that the *French* had such Apprehensions from Mr. *Montcalm's* being so much in haste to destroy the Works at *Oswego*, and return with his Forces towards *Crown Point*:—But if the Attempt against *Crown Point* had not been effected before Mr. *Montcalm's* Arrival there to strengthen *that* and *Tionderoge*, yet it must have drawn such a Part at least of his Forces from the Lake, as would not only have prevented his making any Attempt against *Oswego*, but have put it into the Power of the Troops posted at *Oswego* and the Passes between that and *Albany*, when strengthen'd with the 44th Regiment and Companies of *Battoemen*, in conjunction with our *whole* Naval

* Tho' the 44th Regiment was destin'd at last for *Oswego*, which would have prevented its proceeding to *Crown Point*, according to its first Destination; yet, there were *Ottawa's* and the *Highland* Regiments to supply its room.

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