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A LETTER written by Sir William Johnson, to different Governors, concerning the Plan of the Expedition against the Fort at Crown-Point.

New-York, May 5, 1755.

AS I am nominated Commander in Chief of the Colonies Forces, with Regard to the Expedition proposed against Crown-Point, I think it my Duty, to endeavour all I can, to remove all the Obstacles that might come in the Way of the present Service, and prevent every Thing that might not tend to the Success of this Undertaking: As a Train of Artillery is essentially necessary, that nothing can be done without it, I don't doubt of your doing all in your Power to hasten all Things on that Head, that our March may not be delayed; and that we may not tarry longer at Albany than is necessary, which might confirm the Enemy in the Suspicion of an Attack, if they should unfortunately have Knowledge of it. I much fear, I shall want proper Persons to manage the Train of Artillery; wherefore, if you have in your Province, any Person capable of being an Engineer, or Bombardeer, or any other fit Person to manage the Train of Artillery, I desire you would engage them into the Service, according to the Knowledge you may have of their Capacity. You must know also, we want a great Number of Boats, for transporting the Troops, besides those that are necessary for the Train of Artillery, Ammunition and Baggage; every Battoe must carry five Men. We have already those which this Government was to provide us: As I imagine the other Colonies are to get those Battoes (which they are to furnish) built either here or in the Jerseys, I look upon it as a Thing impossible to build a sufficient Number in Time, unless they send us Workmen to help us. I am, &c.

Signed, WILLIAM JOHNSON.

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