

1755. *Philadelphia* received a Letter from Sir *Thomas Robinson*, acquainting him with his Majesty's *Approbation* of his Design to raise the 2000 *New England* Men, and his Majesty's Orders to compleat them; and informing him, that his Majesty had ordered 2000 Stands of Arms to be sent to him at *Boston*.

Apr. 25. Mr. *Shirley* judging upon further Consideration, that his own Regiment, with such Part of the 51st as was likely to be raised in Time for the Expedition against *Niagara*, would not be a sufficient Force for effecting the Service under his Command upon the Lake *Ontario*, against the Opposition, which might be expected there in the Defence of so important a Place to the *French*, in his return through the Province of *New Jersey* procured an Act of the *Assembly* then sitting, for leaving the Regiment of that Province consisting of 500 Men (which by their late Act was confined to be employed in the Service against *Crown Point*) at Liberty to proceed under his Command to *Oswego*; which Disposition of it was afterwards confirmed by General *Braddock*.

Apr. 29. Mr. *Shirley* arrived at *New York*, where he found that the two Companies of the 51st Regiment ordered by General *Braddock* to proceed, as soon as might be, to *Oswego*, were detained for want of Money to pay the Men their Subsistence (the *Deputy Pay-master General* for the Northern District not being then arrived

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