

hold himself in readiness to march for its defence with 1756.
the 44th regiment. My Lord, Mr. Shirley had, several
days before *, advised General Abercrombie to reinforce
that garrison with † two battalions at least: and they
might have marched immediately, as Bradstreet was ready
to convoy the troops, and every magazine, along the pas-
sage, plentifully supplied with provisions. But not to an-
ticipate my story;

that might have been the case in but to my knowledge it was not so in Aug

Mr. SHIRLEY arrived at New York on the 4th of July,
and waited the arrival of my Lord Loudon, who landed
there on the 23d of that month, with Mr. Pownall in his
train: but in what character the latter returned a second
time from England, was a subject of doubtful conjecture.
— His Lordship, regardless of his ease, and the fatigues
of a tedious voyage, tarried there but three days; and
on the 29th of July reached his head quarters at Albany,
when he took upon himself the command of the army.

Lord Loudon arrives.

THE garrison of Oswego consisted now of 1400 men,
and about 300 workmen and sailors. Four hundred and
eighty-five were posted, in small parties, between that place
and Burnet's Field, to maintain an open passage thro' the
country of the Six Nations. The 44th and 48th regi-
ments at Albany and Schenectady, with the British troops
just arrived, consisted now of 2600 men; and the pro-

Our presence, and that of the French.

The 48th Regiment was at Schenectady 40 miles from Albany

* On the 26th of June, the day after he was superseded.

† Such a reinforcement could easily have been spared for that purpose, Orway's and the Highland regiment being now landed at Albany. And that this necessary step might not be obstructed, General Shirley had, before their arrival, dispatched an express to Oswego, ordering Bradstreet to quicken his return to Schenectady.

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Oswego & 9th High-landers consisted of 300 men & they without tents or any kind of baggage it being left behind in the