

by Mr. *Shirley* : As to the Expedition against ^{1755.} the *French* Forts upon the *Ohio*, that was determined upon by Mr. *Braddock* before Mr. *Shirley's* Arrival at *Alexandria* ; the two *British* Regiments being all marched from thence to *Winchester* with the Baggage, Artillery, &c. except two Divisions of the 48th, which marched in three Days after.

General *Braddock* appointed Colonel *John* Apr. 16. *son* to be sole Superintendant of the *Indians* of the Five Nations, with Instructions to engage as large a Number of them as he could for his Majesty's Service in the Expedition against *Crown Point*, *Niagara*, and the *French* Forts upon the *Ohio* ; and about the same time ordered Captain *King* with two independent Companies of *New York* under his Command, and Captain *Bradstreet* with two Companies of the 51st Regiment under *his*, to proceed forthwith to *Oswego* for the Protection of the Fort there, until Mr. *Shirley's* Arrival, and to strengthen it as soon as might be.

It being judged necessary by the Council Apr. 17. held at *Alexandria*, that one or more armed Vessels, of about 60 Ton each should be built upon the Lake *Ontario* for securing the Command of it; the Care of ordering that Part of the Service was committed to Mr. *Shirley*.

Mr. *Shirley* set out from *Alexandria* upon Apr. 18. his Return to *Boston*, and in passing through