

band. He first went to the Mohawk Valley to manage the estate of his aunt Susan DeLancey, grand-niece of Peter Schuyler, who had married at New York Sir Peter Warren, Johnson's uncle. Lady Warren was sister to Lieutenant-Governor James DeLancey.

Of the five representatives of New York at this Convention, three — DeLancey, Johnson and Chief-Justice Smith, father of the historian of the province, were of the ruling family connection, for Smith's daughter-in-law was a Livingston of the Manor. So largely was this group a custodian of public affairs and traditions that the list of governors and administrators of New York up to the Revolution shows that persons connected with them governed the province no less than fifteen times.

The Schuylers of the Flatts rendered special assistance to the convention in connection with entertaining the Indians and giving their advice. (1)

We now arrive at the attempts to carry out the final conquest.

One of these was Abercrombie's advance of 1757, an expedition regarded with great misgivings by the Schuylers and undertaken contrary to their advice. (2) Abercrombie was not a brilliant commander and the real Chief was Viscount Howe, one of Pitt's discerning appointments. But DeLancey's first suggestion and Pownall's recommendation of it, which I am about to recount, ' ' not yet been put in

(1) *Memoirs of an American Lady.*

(2) *I bid.*