

1755. On the same Day General *Braddock*, after
 April 14. a Conference with Mr. *Shirley* and Captain
Keppell, Commander of his Majesty's Ships
 then in *North America*, determined upon carrying on three Expeditions to the Northward, viz. one against the *French* Forts at *Niagara* ; another against their Incroachments in *Nova Scotia* ; and the other against *Crown Point* ; the first of them to be carried on with the Troops of the 50th and 51st Regiments, then raising, under the Command of Mr. *Shirley* ; the second to be prosecuted upon the Plan, and according to the Measures concerted between Mr. *Shirley* and Mr. *Lawrence* ; and that against *Crown Point* upon the Plan settled

French ; and thereby occasioned his Defeat ; whereas it appears by the foregoing Account, that Mr. *Shirley* used all the Expedition in meeting Mr. *Braddock*, that his Majesty's other Service, which he was necessarily engaged in at *Boston*, the Distance of the Place of meeting, and the Season of the Year would admit : In fact, General *Braddock's* March from *Alexandria*, where his Head Quarters were, was not in the least delayed by this Interview ; the two last Divisions of his Troops and part of his Artillery were not moved from *Alexandria* till three Days after Mr. *Shirley's* Arrival there ; and besides it is publickly known that General *Braddock* was detained by various Disappointments seven Weeks after Mr *Shirley* left *Alexandria* ; of which he complained in a Letter to Mr. *Shirley* from Fort *Cumberland*, wherein he says, " I cannot express the Disappointments, Negligence, Dishonesty, and Opposition I have met with in the Expedition under my Command, which must unavoidably retard my March a Month later than I at first intended ; I most sincerely wish you may be free from these Troubles."

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