

the Passage through the *Wood Creek*, which <sup>1755.</sup> they cleared higher up than it was before, and thereby made the Land Carriage three Miles shorter.

While this was doing by People hired in the Province of *New York*, Mr. *Shirley*, soon after his Arrival at *Boston*, ordered two Companies of Sir *William Pepperell's* Regiment, then at *New York*, to be compleated to 100 Men each, and to proceed to the great *Carrying-place*, there to guard the Store Houses and Passage across, and to be employed in clearing the Woods on the Sides of the Road, upon which they worked, till the rest of the Troops arrived there.

Mr. *Shirley* arrived from *New York* at *Hartford* May 9. in *Connecticut*, where he found the General Assembly sitting, and that a Stop was put to the raising that Government's Quota of Men for the *Crown Point* Expedition, being 1200, on Account of the Assembly's insisting that Mr. *Shirley* should give the commanding Officer of their Forces a Commission and Rank as the second in Command after *Major General Johnson*; which Point he was obliged to stay there one Night to settle with the Governor; after which he set out the next Morning for *Boston*.

Mr. *Shirley* reached *Boston*, where he found May 13. the 2000 Stands of small Arms, which were destin'd for the Service of the Expedition against the *French* Incroachments in *Nova Scotia*, arrived from *England*, and in five Days

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