

1755. *Braddock* of his Arrival, to meet him at such Time and Place, as should be most convenient for both.

Mar. 18. He received a Letter by Express from General *Braddock* acquainting him with his Arrival; that he had Orders to have an Interview with him, and desiring him to meet him as soon as he could at *Annapolis* in *Maryland*; and in the mean time he communicated to him the Plan of the Expedition under his own immediate Command against the *French* Forts upon the *Ohio*, to be carried on with the two *British* Regiments, he had brought with him from *England*, and the Irregulars of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, and proposed to him for his Consideration, an Attempt to be made at the same Time for the Reduction of the *French* Forts at *Niagara* with the two Corps of the 50th and 51st Regiments, to be conducted under his Command.

Mr. *Shirley*, at the Time of receiving this Letter, was closely engaged in making the necessary Preparations for fitting out in due Time the two Expeditions against the *French* in *Nova Scotia* and at *Crown Point* (the Success of the former of which more especially depended upon the Dispatch of it) besides raising his own Regiment and the Business of his Civil Administration within his Government.

Mar. 30. As soon as he could finish the necessary Orders for carrying on the Preparations of both Expeditions in his Absence, so as that the  
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