

By this Time Mr. *Shirley* had near com-^{1755,}
 pleted his own Regiment, as also the two ^{Mar. 13.}
New England Battaillons of 1000 each, destin'd
 for the Service of *Nova Scotia*; and having
 received Intelligence in the Summer preceed-
 ing, that the *French* design'd to build a new
 Fort, and extend their Encroachments at
Crown Point, and being of Opinion that the
 Expedition for driving the *French* of *Canada*
 out of *Nova Scotia* might give the *Colonies* a
 favourable Opportunity to form another a-
 gainst *Crown Point*, and that that Attempt
 would at the same time make a Diverfion in
 favour of the Expedition in *Nova Scotia*, pro-
 posed to the four Governments of *New En-
 gland* and Province of *New York*, to carry
 one on against the *French* in that Quarter with
 upwards of 4000 Men, and particularly re-
 commended the engaging the *Indians* of
 the Six Nations in it, and that Colonel *Johnson*,
 as he had a considerable Influence over them,
 should be Commander in Chief of the Expe-
 dition; and upon this Occasion he recom-
 mended to the Government of *Pensilvania*,
 which had then some religious Scruples against
 raising Troops, to contribute *their Quota* of
 the Expence of this Expedition in Provisions;
 all which was comply'd with.

Mr. *Shirley* received a Letter from Sir *Tho-* Mar. 14.
mas Robinson acquainting him, that *Major Ge-
 neral Braddock* would soon arrive in *Virginia*
 with two Regiments under his Command, and
 directing *him*, upon *his* being notified by Mr.
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