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Sr

This goes by Express to acquaint your Ex^{ty} that I have with Advice of his Majesty's Council of this Province in Consideration of the present Disposition of the Six Nations to join with us & the Capture which they have already made with us French by killing five of their people & taking nine prisoners and the Advancing of the winter Season given Orders for our forces marching without Delay to Saratoga and I suppose some part of them will be moving thither from the County of Hampshire (where they have been posted these six or eight weeks) within two or three days and if Rest will follow with all possible Dispatch I must therefore pray your Ex^{ty} to give Order that those of your forces that are not detached for Nova Scotia may proceed to Saratoga or other place on Hudsons River where they may join the Army & be Ready to march to Crown Point in the most favourable Season & that your forces may have Stores & implements necessary for carrying on this important enterprize

I Am with Great Regard Sir your
Ex^{ty} Most Obedient Hum^{ble} Serv^t

W Shirley

P. S

There is a Rumor of a small pox is at Saratoga but I much doubt of the truth of it & think it should not delay your proceedings for I am endeavouring to know how it is And if it be so shall send Advice accordingly

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W S

His Ex^{ty} Benning Wentworth Esq.

I'll answer your Ex^{ty} last favour at large by next post
W S

Gov^r. Shirley to
Gov^r. Wentworth
about Crown Point
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