

garrison it with some of the 2700 Provincial Troops that are with him & permit the Rest to return home for Winter Quarters; The Indians have lately done a great Deal of Mischief in Pens<sup>a</sup> & continue still to make Incursions & cut off the Inhabitants who make no Defence & by w<sup>t</sup> I can learn are not likely to be put in a better Posture as the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Assembly cannot come to any Agreement about raising a Sum of Money for that Purpose.

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[Proceedings of Council of War.]

Original.

At a Council of War held by His Excellency W<sup>m</sup> Shirley Esq<sup>r</sup> General & Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America at N York on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1755

Present

His Excellency William Shirley Esq<sup>r</sup> General &c  
His Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Kn<sup>t</sup> Governor &  
Commander in Chief of the Province of New York.  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Hor<sup>o</sup> Sharpe Lieut<sup>t</sup> Governor & Commander  
in Chief of the Province of Maryland.  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Robert Hunter Morris Lieut<sup>t</sup> Governor &  
Commander in Chief of the Province of Pensilvania.  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Fitch Governor & Commander  
in Chief of the Colony of Connecticut.  
Colonel Thomas Dunbar  
Major Charles Craven  
S<sup>r</sup> John S<sup>t</sup> Clair Deputy Quarter Master General  
Major James Kinneer.  
Major John Rutherford.

The Generals Commission being read together with Part of a Letter to him dated the 28<sup>th</sup> of last August from The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Robinson one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State & part of His Majesty's Seventh Instruction to the late General Braddock; Several Points of Rank which were moved by some of the Members of the Council were settled after which His Excellency adjourned the Council to the Next Day at 9 o Clock in the Forenoon—

Saturday December the 13<sup>th</sup> 1755 The Council met according to Adjournment present as before together with Colonel Peter Schuyler.

His Excellency acquainted the Council that he had convened them to give their Opinion & Advice upon a Plan of Operations which he proposes for the next years Campaign in order to effect the several services he is directed by His Majesty's