

his causing more Vessels to be built & of a larger Force upon the Lake that what His Majesty hath there already & how many such Vessels it is necessary to have built for gaining the Mastery of that Lake—

The Council after taking the several Matters into Consideration gave it as their unanimous Opinion 1st That it is most essentially necessary at all Events to secure the Navigation of the Lake Ontario, & from the Intelligence the General has informed them he has already received of Vessels building by the Enemy at Fort Frontenac, that at least Three Vessels be built immediately at [Oswego] large & Force as the Depth of the Water at the Entrance of the Harbour of Oswego will admit & that on any future Intelligence of the Enemy's encreasing their Naval Force, that the General should build such & so many more Vessels as he finds necessary for securing the Mastery of the Lake.

2^{dly} That one Expedition be carried on against Crown Point & another against the French Settlements & Encroachments on Lake Ontario that both Armies rendezvous at their respective Places of Destination soon as possible in the Spring—

3^{dly} That an Army of 10,000 Men will be necessary for the Expedition against Crown Point—

4^{thly} That an Army of 6000 Men at least will be necessary for the Expedition against the French Encroachments on the Lake Ontario &c.

5^{thly} That as to the Attempt proposed to be made upon Fort Duquesne they are unanimously of Opinion that such a Measure would answer very good purpose by availing the English Forces of the Assistance of that portion of the Southern Indians which are still in Alliance with them & preventing those in Alliance with the French from opposing our Operations to the Northward & therefore advise the General to recommend it to the Western Governments to undertake an Attempt upon that Fortress, & do it in such a manner as will not in the least interfere with the Expedition already agreed on—

6^{thly} That as to the Feint with 2000 Men against Quebec by the way of the River Chaudiere they are unanimously of Opinion that it should be carried into Execution provided it can be done without prejudice to the other Parts of the Service already agreed on—

7th That with Regard to the Operations on Lake Ontario it was the Opinion & Advice of the Majority of the Council that they be begun by the Attack of Cataracui

Lastly the Council considering the several Services to be carried on in North America are unanimously of Opinion that an Additional Number of Regular Troops will be necessary for effectually recovering & Securing his Majestys Rights & Dominions upon this Continent.