

very Place where the French have built their last Fort, yet I cannot learn that we have any thing more than a Horse Way thither through the Woods and over the Mountains, by which I am told it will be very difficult if not impracticable to transport any considerable Quantity of Provisions; but there is a very good Waggon Road from this City to Watkins's Ferry on Patowmack by which any Goods may be carried very commodiously to that Place.

I will make it my Business to enquire and inform you of the strength and situation of the French at Weningo and Buffaloe River, as far as the Indians at Aucquick or in that Neighbourhood, who are constantly passing to and from those Places on the Ohio, can furnish me with such Intelligence, tho I imagine you will have an opportunity of seeing and examining the Principal of them at Will's Creek, where I am informed by M^r Croghan he intended to accompany them to wait on you.

I shall upon all occasions do my utmost to promote his Majesties Service, and am with perfect Esteem and Regard

Sir

Your Most Obed^t Humble Serv^t
Rob^t H. Morris.

Philadelphia
14 Nov^r 1754.

Original.

[Belcher to Sharpe.]

Sir

The 17: Instant came to my Hands, your Excellency's Favour of the 8: Curr^t & which I have read once & again with Attention.

And first of all, congratulate your Excellency, in the Honour, His Majesty has done you, of His Royal Commission, to command all the Forces, that may be rais'd in the several Colonies, to repel the Incroachments of the perfidious French, that they have made & are still making, upon His Majestys Dominions, in these Parts, of the British Continent; & to prevent, their further Depredations, Barbarities, & Murders, of His Majesty's good Subjects.

And after saying this, I am to inform Your Excellency, that for near twelve Months past, I have been urging two several Assemblies of this Province in the most pungent Manner, to fall into their Duty, by giving their Aid, & Assistance, in Defence of His Majesty's Honour, & Interest, & for promoting the Peace & Safety of these Provinces; & some Months ago, I dissolv'd one Assembly for turning a deaf Ear, to all I cou'd say to them, on the Present Emergency of Affairs—& I immediately call'd another, which I met the last Month, & found them, in better Temper, in these Matters, than the last was;—