

I beg, the Instant you receive this, in case you shall not meet me, you will dispatch your Answer to me at New York to let me know it.

I am with great Truth & Esteem,  
Dear Sir  
Your faithfull, Humble Servant  
W Shirley.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

The enclosed Letter I receiv'd from Commodore Spry & have taken the first opportunity of forwarding it to you.

I am sorry that I cannot acquaint you, of my Assembly's having fallen into such Measures for the present Defence of the back Parts of the Province, that I could have comply'd with. But it seems, as if it was determin'd that we shall never agree—

They have indeed sent me such a Militia Bill, as never was thought of in any other Country; And I am afraid, was intended to answer no Purpose, but amuse the People.

I am

Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup>  
humble serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rob<sup>t</sup> H: Morris

Philadelphia

Nov<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1755.

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

I have the Honour of your Excellencys of the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant, and am sorry you have been obliged to stay so long for Gen<sup>l</sup> Shirley, but hope the Company of the many agreable Ladies in New York have in some measure made amends for the want of business, I am sure I have wish'd myself with you ever since you went from hence, not only on account of the pleasure I always enjoy in your Company, but to be free from the plague of having to do with an obstinate Assembly, who seem to have no regard for the safety of the province.—

The Indians have attack'd and destroyed one of the Moravian Settlements near the Forks of Delaware, call'd Mahony, and have put to death all the people except two; This will make it very difficult for me to attend the General at New York, as I must try every thing to induce the Assembly to provide for