

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Original.

[Dec. 1755]

Dear Sir/

I did myself the Honor to wait on you this evening to beg the favour of you to postpone your Journey to the southward till tuesday next, as Gen^l Shirley Insists on my staying till then to adjust some Indian Affairs that at this time are of very great importance to Pensilvania in particular and to the Western Colonys in Gen^l as you will see by the inclosed note which I recieved a little before dinner, and after I had sent away my horses and shase.

I hope the Affairs of your Province will not require so immediate an attendance as to deprive me of the pleasure of your Company to and at Philad^a—as nothing shall detain me beyond the time mentiond in the Gen^{ls} letter; I will wait on you in the morning to know your resolution as to this matter and in the mean time wish you a good night. And am Sir

Your most faithfull
and obed^t Serv^t
Rob^t H. Morris

Friday night
Gov. Sharpe

[Shirley's Proposals for Treaty with the Indians.]

Original.

By His Excellency Major General William Shirley General & Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North America &c.

Upon taking into his Consideration the very Great importance of the numerous nations of Indians in Alliance with his Majesty's Southern Colonies. The advantages that will accrue to the English in General from their Friendship & the Particular necessity there is at this time, to enter into a Solemn Treaty with them in order not only to secure them to the British Interest, so far as to Prevent them from joining in the Designs of the French, but to engage them to Assist his Majestys Subjects in Defending their frontiers & annoying their Enemies.

It is Proposed,

^{1st} That a Treaty be held with the several Tribes of Indians in Alliance with his Majesty's Southern Colonies, at such time & Place, as shall be agreed on between the Governments of North & South Carolina & notified by them to the General & to the other Western Colonies as far north as Pensylvania.

^{2^{dly}} That one or more Commissioners should be Appointed by each of the Western Provinces from South Carolina to Pen-