

for carrying on another Expedition agst Fort Du Quesne which was advised to be done at the late Congress at N York I am afraid Crown Point is not accessible for any Body of Provincial Troops, however the General intends to solicit all the Colonies to engage together & make another Attempt to reduce that place while he is securing Ontario Lake & making a Descent on Cataracui & Niagara Forts.—

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[Sharpe to Robinson.]

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Ian^y 6th 1756—

R^t Honble

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of y^r Lett^s dated the 26th July & 28th of Augst The Contents of the first have agreeable to your Order been communicated to the People of this Province, & in compliance with Gen^l Shirley's Desire I was assisting at a Council of War at N York when I rec^d the other. how Affairs are situated in the Northern Parts of His Majesty's Dominions on this Continent the Gen^l himself has I doubt not informed you; in this Province nothing extraordinary has happened, neither have Indian Parties made such Incursions into or destroyed the Inhabitants of this as they have those of the two neighbouring Provinces during the Winter. Since the Delaware & Shawnese Indians who resided some time in Pens^a have declared in favour of the French & taken up Arms agst Us it has been impossible to get any Intelligence of the Motions or Proceedings of the French on the Ohio, the Last Account thence was brought by an Indian some time ago who reported that the Garrison at that time at Fort Du Quesne consisted of about 1000 Men, & that many Indians & some Regular Troops who were at the Action of the Monongahela had been a few Days after sent off to the Northward

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I remain with the greatest Respect

[Sharpe to Shirley.]

Annapolis January the 24th 1756.

Sir

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lett^r dated the 30th Dec^r together with a Copy of the minutes of the Council's Proceedings at New York & your Scheme for confirming the Southern Indians in our Interest & engaging them to act in Conjunction with such Troops as shall be employed next Summer in this part of the Continent agst his