

[Sharpe to Morris.]

Letter Bk. II.

Ian^y 24th

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I return you thanks for forwarding to me by Express the Packett that you was kind enough to bring from Gen^l Shirley to Phil^a & for the Civilities I received at your hands during my Stay in that City, Since my Return hither I have received a Lett^r from Gov^r Dinwiddie advising me that 130 of the Cherokees have been prevailed on to take up the Hatchet agst the French & that in conjunction with some Companies of the Virginia Rangers they are gone to attack one of the Shawnese Towns. he also informs me that two Gentⁿ of his Council who have been with a considerable present to the Catawba & Cherokee Nations have made a League with them both & engaged them to send 1000 Warriours in the Spring to act in conjunction with the Forces that may be employed in this part of the Continent agst his Majesty's Enemies. I should be glad to hear what has been the Event of your Interview with the Indians you had appointed to meet, & also what measures have been taken for the Protection of your Frontiers, what places the Commissioners have ordered Forts to be built what Number of Men they propose to garrison them with & whether they will furnish & support any Troops for carrying on another Expedition to the Westward as well as their Quota for the Expedition to Crown Point. Our Assembly meets the 20th of next month when I shall lay before them the Plan of Opperations that was concerted at N York & I flatter myself they will contribute something towards carrying it into Execution. At the same time I shall recommend to them to build some Forts at proper places on our Frontiers whence Parties from the Garrisons may be detached occasionally to patroll between those that shall be raised on the Frontiers of your Province & such as shall be built in Virginia on Potowmack River—

[Sharpe to Hardy.]

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Annapolis Ian^y the 24th 1756—

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Since my Return from N York I have had the Satisfaction to receive a Lett^r from Gov^r Dinwiddie advising me that he has prevailed with 130 of the Cherokees to take up the Hatchet agst the French & that they are gone with some Companies from Virg^a to attack one of the Shawanese Towns. At a Treaty lately held with the Catawba Nation by two of the Council of Virg^a They expressed themselves exceedingly well disposed towards the English & together with the Cherokees have engaged to send 1000 Warriours in the Spring to