

Letter Bk. II. act in Conjunction with any Troops that may be employed in this part of the Continent next Summer agst his Majesty's Enemies. This I look on as a considerable Acquisition & hope the Alliance of these people will make our Affairs put on a different face next Summer if these Southern Colonies are not wanting to themselves & if some Succours are timely sent us from home I embrace this Opportunity of making my Acknowledgments for the Civilities I rec^d at your hands during my Stay at N York, & to desire my Comp^{ts} to M^r Barons & his Lady at the same time that I assure your Excellency that I am &c.

Original.

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Philid^a Ian^{ry} 29th 1756.

Sir.

I last night returnd from Visiting the frontiers of this Province in which I have been employd above a month and Expect in about ten days a chain of forts will be compleated from Delaware to the New Road made towards the Alleghany Hills which will be Garrisond by about eight Hundred men. On the West side of Susquahana the forts are already erected one at a River Calld Matchitango about twelve miles from the Sasquahana which I have calld Pomfret castle another near Juniata where Kishignokilis falls into it, calld fort Granville a third at Auchwick call'd fort Shirley, and a fourth at the Sugar Cabins upon the New Road Calld fort Lytellton at each of these I have placed a Garrison of Seventy five men & orderd them to range the Woods each way. Fort Lytellton I am told is within about sixteen mile of a fort you have erected and I have directed the Party there to range towards that fort, to give them notice of the Approach of any enemy, and to afford them all the Assistance in their power.

A Messenger employd upon some private business to your town gives me an opportunity of Writing you, but allows only time to mention an unhappy affair that happend at Halifax between the Col^s Monckton and Winslow who it seems had some dispute while they were upon Service together but suppressd their resentment till they came to Halifax when meeting either by Accident or appointment they engaged and are both wounded in such a manner as to leave little hopes of the recovery of either of them, this Acc^t was sent to Gen^l Shirley by Express and is therefore to be depended on. I last night receivd the Kings speech in a New York paper which I send you inclosd by which & by M^r Foxes being made Secretary of State it seems to me a War with france is near at hand

I am Sir Your most obed^tHumble Serv^t
Rob^t H. Morris.