

lency & hope you will not be averse to countermanding such Letter Bk. II.
Orders, otherwise I shall find myself under a necessity of
exerting the Power with which I am invested to preserve the
peace of the Province—

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that I have received a letter from Scanoyady dated 4th January at Onondago an Indian Town situate on the head Branches of the Sasquehannah in which he informs me that he & Montour were got safe there, tho not without abundance of Danger. That the Delawares were obstinately bent on the distruction of the English & say they will pay no regard to the Interposition of the six Nations tho they should send to them their greatest Sachems. He advices me to put the Province into a Posture of Defence but not to Act offensively till I should hear further from him & be made acquainted with the Determination of the six nations, who he hears were convend by Coll^l Johnson & that he propos'd to be at the General Convention & there represent the conduct of the Delawares & Shawonese; & he hopes with success, as he heard that the six Nations disapproved of their Hostilities & would resent it. By this Journy he and M^r Montour have demonstrated that they are our true friends and as such will deserve our best encouragements. M^r Clause, a young man who has for sometime past liv'd in the upper Mohock Castle, and is said to understand the Indian Language, attends the Treaty (which was appointed to be on the 22^d of Ianuary & I hope is now holding at Coll^l Johnsons) on the part of Pennsylvania & will hasten to this City as soon as it shall be ended, and as soon as I know the result I will impart it to you.

Two of the Neutrals, one imported at New York and the other here, have obtaind my Leave to go to Annapolis in quest of their Families who they think are in some of the Ships which have arrivd in your Province. If they light of them, or any other of the wives & children belonging to those imported here, I desire the favour of you to suffer as many to come to their Friends here as these two will undertake to conduct and defray the charges of their Journy. I do not mean to put you or my self to any Expence for their removal, But if Ioseph Munier & Simon Leblanc who are recommended to me as good and worthy People and one of whom had been in the service of his Majesty will bring any here at their own Expence I desire they may be indulgd to do it. I am Sir

Your most faithfull

and most obed^t

Humble Serv^t

Rob^t H. Morris

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