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[Sir Charles Hardy to Sharpe.]

Fort George New York the 9th Feb^y 1756

Sir

I am favoured with yours of the 24th of last month and am much obliged to you for the Intelligence from Virginia; the great and good Consequences that must arise to his Majesty's Service from a Junction of such a number of Warriors from the Catawba & Cherokee Nations, are to obvious to leave a doubt that the Southern Colonies will not exert themselves, and take the Advantage of so favourable a disposition among those Indians, they will by it not only secure to themselves success in any enterprize undertaken in Conjunction with them, but fix them in a firm alliance to the British Interest.

Inclosed is a Copy of Indian Intelligence sent me by Col^o Johnson, it appears to me this French Officer, is rather endeavouring to frighten the Indians, for I can hardly think he can be unacquainted with the Strength of the Garrison at Oswego, and that admitted, it may not be so easy to surprize and steal that Fort, at a season of the Year that must make the attempt very difficult, and in the end miscarry if our Garrison there is not very negligent indeed; Col^o Johnson writes me that he has received an Answer to a Message he sent the Delawares, requiring them to desist from all Hostilities against the English, and that they have promised no more mischief shall be done, but that they will wait the result of his meeting with the Six Nations which he informs me he expects will be very numerous, and hopes by it to stop the Ravages Committed by the Indians, on the back Settlements in Pensilvania.

The first Packet arrived from England the 3^d Instant the Captain is instructed to stay here no longer than twenty days and the Post Masters General, have desired by their Letter, that I will not delay her Sailing to any longer time but in cases of necessity, The time appears to me to be too short, for the distant Governments to answer their Letters by her return; I do therefore propose to recommend a longer time to the Post Office.

I am impatiently waiting the return of my Express from Boston, that carried the Resolutions of my Assembly to General Shirley and the Eastern Governments.

I shall also hope to hear your Assembly will take their Share in the Services of this Year, recommended by the Council of Warr held in this City.

M^r Barons and my Sister join with me in their Sincere Regards. I beg my Compliments to the Gentlemen that came with you, and am—

I am Sir.

Your most Obedient
and Humble Servant
Cha^s Hardy

The Hon^{ble} Gov^r Sharp.