

Philad^a and intend to settle them upon the Mannor of Pennsbury, which is situated on the River Delaware about twenty Miles above Philad^a. They have press'd me strongly to build a Fort, at Shamokin, and promis'd to Collect all Their Friends and settle there when such Fort is built, all I expect from them is that they will not joyn the Indians against us; but have no hopes of Persuading them to take up the Hatchet against the Delawares & Shawanese; the Gen^l Pollicy of the Northern Indians being not to destroy one another.

By Letters from Albany I hear that the small Pox in Canada has swept off two hundred Indians, and many Canadians, that ten of the Oswego Garrison employed in cutting Wood were carry'd off Prisoners, and that there was a Scarcity of Provisions there, but I cannot think this last Article true.

The second Packet is not arrived, but has been long expected, When she comes I shall not fail to forward your Letters and write you any news I may receive by her. A Vessel from Lisbon cast away on our Capes brings News from London down to the middle of Jan^y when things were in just the same state they had been for some time, the English Men of War Continued to take the french Vessels and the French lay still, whether they are determin'd to submit and comply with our demands, or whether they are meditating some great Blow against us must be left to time to discover, but if it be the Latter I am fearfull America will be the scene.

I am Sir with great Regard
Your Most obed^t
Humble Serv^t
Rob^t H. Morris

New Castle }
March 20. 1756 }
Gov^r Sharpe

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

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I embrace the Opportunity of a Vessel's going hence to Hampton to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lett^r dated the 13th Inst. & return you thanks for y^r Promise to do every thing in y^r Power to contribute to the Success of any Expedition that I might be enabled to undertake this Summer in pursuance of General Shirley's Commission & Instructions. As I have not yet heard that the Assembly of Pensilvania have granted any Supplies towards carrying on any Expedition, I confess my hopes are not very sanguine, & the less so, as I think our