

Letter Bk. IV a Parallel of Latitude will content themselves with ascertaining a certain Number of Points in such Parallel at the Distance of four five or six Miles from each other. I presume you will know before this reaches you that the Pennsylvania Assembly desirous to obtain a Change of Government & to be immediately under the Crown have sent M^r Franklin again to England in the Character of their Agent to solicit such a Change to which however many of the most considerable Inhabitants & thirteen Members of the Assembly are extremely averse & have transmitted Counter Petitions & by what I can learn the Province by reason of such Disparity in the Sentiments & Wishes of the people is at present a Scene of great Confusion. As to the people in this Province they are now very quiet but should M^r Franklyn succeed in his Application for a Change of Government in Pennsylvania I doubt not but there will be enough busy mischievous Men among us also to raise a Dust & stir up the People to subscribe similar Petitions, but if on the Contrary M^r Franklyn should meet with a Rebuff from the Ministry I am persuaded it will have a good Effect on Those who wish to see a little Confusion here also or to make His Lordship or me uneasy. I am &c.

Original.

[Gage to Sharpe.]

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Sir

It gives me great pleasure to be able to acquaint you that by an Express arrived from the heads of the Muskingham I am informed that the Shawnese and Delawares and other Tribes on the Ohio have been reduced to the most humiliating Peace by His Majesty's Arms under the Command of Colonel Bouquet and that a general Peace is now made with all the Nations who had risen in Arms against us. The Perfidy of the Shawnese and Delawares, the Contempt they shewed us and the breaking thro' all the ties and Engagements, which even Savage Nations hold Sacred amongst each other, made it absolutely necessary to reduce them by force, and to March into their Country; The Troops under Colonel Bouquet have penetrated into the heart of their Settlement and Oblidged them to deliver up all their Prisoners, even their own Children Born of White Women, and to send Deputies to Sir William Johnson to Settle a Peace upon such further Terms as should be imposed upon Them, for the performance of the last, and as a Security that no further Hostilities should be Committed, a number of their Principal Chiefs have been delivered up as Hostages, above Two Hundred Prisoners had been delivered into our Hands, and more were Expected from the Shawnese,