

Letter Bk. III find that any Violence hath been committed within this Province on any Indian since the Conclusion of the late War, nor have any Lands been granted in Maryland beyond the Limits described in His Majestys Proclamation of 1763 or even to the Westward of Fort Cumberland, if therefore any Settlement has been made on Lands to which the Indians have any Pretensions it has not been by Persons claiming Protection under this Government & your Ldp may be assured that I shall never Countenance the making any Settlement that can possibly give the Indians the least Cause of Offence & If any of the Inhabitants of this Province shall injure them in any respect I will endeavour to have the Offender punished ; but as there are on the Frontiers of these Provinces Persons that support themselves by Hunting & among them Men of no Character or principle It will I am afraid be impossible to prevent such from going & building Houses or Cabbins beyond the Limits prescribed by the Royal Proclamation unless the Military to the Westward of these provinces are directed to destroy such Houses & otherwise to punish such Offenders. Should I hear of any Transaction within or in the neighbourhood of this province likely to give the Indians Uneasiness I shall immediately advise both General Gage & S^r William Johnson thereof & will use all means in my power to prevent the ill Consequences of such Uneasiness & to preserve Peace & Harmony between the Neighbouring Indians & His Majestys Subjects in this province.

Original.

[Sir Wm. Johnson to Sharpe.]

Johnson Hall Jan^y 29th 1767

Sir

I had the favor of your Letter concerning the running the Divisional Lines a few days ago, before which I received a Letter from Governor Penn on that Subject which I imediately answered assuring him of my readiness to assist in obtaining permission from the Indians for that purpose & of doing all I could to remove any unjust Suspicions thereon which I have reason to think will be the case from their present jealousy for other reasons I therein assigned, at the same time informing him that it would be necessary to have all the Chief Sachems and principal Warriors of the Six Nations present for rendering it more effectual which at this season I was certain could not be done for Less than £500 N York Curr^y in presents to the Chiefs & entertainment on their way to, and at the Congress altho I offered to lessen it by meeting them 50 miles from hence at the Upper Settlements, for there is no Calling of them, or any business without expence, & I made the