

24 To Governor Morris Nov^r 8. 1754.

Sir I have received the favour of your Letter acquainting me with your safe Arrival in your Government upon which I very heartily congratulate you & most sincerely wish you much Ease & Satisfaction in your Administration. Your early Declaration that you will always make it your Business to promote His Majesty's Service & the Interest of these Colonies & that you will freely communicate to me the Measures that you shall esteem likely to contribute to that End is highly agreeable to me as it gives me an opportunity of advising you that I will make it my Study to deserve your Confidence & that your Advice in any thing that might concern the publick Service will with me always have the greatest Weight & Influence. You are I presume no Stranger to his Majesty's having been pleased to honour me with a Commission to take the Command of the Forces that may be raised for the Defence of these Colonies against the Encroachments & Invasions of His Majesty's Enemies, & from your generous Professions I flatter myself with hopes that nothing will be wanting on your part to enable me to execute His Majesty's Commission with some Reputation & to repel the Dangers that at this time threaten us. It would be I am persuaded impertinent in me to insist on or even hint at the fatal Consequences that would attend our conniving at the