

happened, neither have Indian Parties made such
Incursions into or destroyed the Inhabitants of this
as they have those of the two neighbouring Provinces
during the Winter: Since the Delaware & Shawnee
Indians who resided some time in Pens.^a have declar-
ed in favour of the French & taken up Arms ag^t us
it has been impossible to get any Intelligence of the
Motions or Proceedings of the French on the Ohio,
The last Account hence was brought by an Indian
some time ago who reported that the Garrison at that
time at Fort Duquesne consisted of about 1000
Men, & that many Indians & some Regular Troops
who were at the Action of the Monongahela had been
a few Days after sent off to the Northward.

I remain with great Res^t

Annapolis. January the 24. 1756 or Gen^l. Shirley

Sir

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt
of your Lett^r dated the 30. Dec. together with a Copy
of the Minutes of the Councils Proceedings at New York
& your Scheme for confirming the Southern Indians in
our Interest & engaging them to act in Conjunction with
such Troops as shall be employed next Summer in this
Part of the Continent ag^t his Majesty's Enemies.