

their head Quarters, at a place called Nescopeeken, upon the east branch of Susquehanna, I have sent two trusty Indians thither, to bring me intelligence of their numbers, and whether there be any French among them, and how many, and when we are by these Indians informed of their Scituation, it will be no difficult matter to Attack, and dislodge them, and I imagine the Commissioners, will come into measures for that purpose—

I was in such a hurry when I came from New York, and obliged to go immediatly to the Frontiers, that I had not time to Write, and Congratulate you, on your safe return, where I hope you have had perfect health, I find that General Shirley, and Coll. Johnson, parted upon tolerable Terms, the latter has been sometime gone to a meeting of the six Nations, where, I hope he will have the Address, and Influence, to induce them to Ioin more unanimously in our cause, than they have hitherto done, for considering the Principal seat of the next years operations their assistance, must be a matter, of very great Importance.

I am Sir
Your Most Faithfull
and obed^t Humble Serv^t
Rob^t H. Morris

February 1st 1756.

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[Sharpe to Shirley.]

Feb^y 2^d 1756.

Sir

Within three or four Days I have received several Lett^{rs} from the Magistrates in different Parts of this Province informing me that Those of His Majestys Officers who have been ordered hither to recruit have lately received your positive Instructions to enlist without Exception or Distinction all Apprentices & Servants that they can persuade to enter into the Service, that the Inhabitants having a great part of their Property vested in Servants unanimously oppose the Execution of such Instructions, that on such Opposition Violences have been committed & that unless their Cause of Complaint be speedily removed an Insurrection of the People is likely to ensue. The Magistrates as well as myself have & shall endeavour to prevent Mischief but as the Officers are determined to persevere unless they are countermanded I think it my Duty to acquaint your Excellency with this Affair & to intimate to you my Fears & that I shall find myself under a necessity, (if a Stop be not put to such Proceedings) of making a Representation home on this Subject. I cannot promise that the People will be much longer restrained from expressing their Resentment by Actions: I think it my Duty to make this Representation to y^r Excel-