

Letter Bk. I. own Frontiers. In the inclosed Gazette You will see all the News that we have lately received from the Northward, a circumstantial or particular Account of the Siege & Surrendry of Oswego has not yet been sent us, You see there is good reason to hope that what the Indians reported concerning the Garrison's being put to the Sword was without Foundation. We are also in hopes that the Success of Col^o Armstrong will have a good Effect by inclining the Indians to entertain a more favourable Opinion of our Courage than they have lately had reason to do & by inciting some more of our People to undertake such sort of Expeditions. The Pensilvanians have at length passed an Act for granting £30,000 for the King's Use but I observe they have not been easily persuaded to do so, I have not heard how the Money is appropriated tho at the rate they have lately expended it will go but a little way towards securing their own Frontiers. The people who dwelt at Conegochiegh are again for the most part returned to their plantations under Cover of the Militia that I ordered to their Relief but as they appear to be a Dastardly People I am afraid the first Indian that shall be discovered on the Frontiers will throw them again into Confusion & entirely break up that Settlement. We have just received Advice that a Body of 250 French & Indians have invested Fort Dinwiddie a Stoccade in Augusta County in Virg^a Col^o Washington is marched from Winchester to its Releif, but I presume at his Arrival he will find the place reduced or the Enemy gone off, inclosed in a Duplicate of my last Lett^r I remitted You Bills of Exchange for £110 a Second thereof I send you in this together with a Bill for £28 which is in full of Parkers renewed & the Ballance due from &c.

Original.

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Philad^a Octo^r 8th 1756.

Dear Sir

Your favour I had the honor to recieve a few days after I gave the government into M^r Dennys hands, to whom I wish a more agreable, and advantagious administration, than fell to my share, and that he may be able to prevail on the Assembly, to think the safety of the Province a matter of more importance than the gratification of their own ill grounded resentment, against a family that has done every thing they could to serve a people and make them happy; what will be the Issue of the sessions that begins the 14th Inst I do not know, but from the knowledge I have of the tempers of the men chosen at the last gen^l Election, I think it is not possible they should act a reasonable part.—