

Commanded by Coll^o Foulkes in the West Indies which I Liber K.
hope by this time are in action, this is all our news

M^r Trebit arriving yesterday gave me your Exc^ll^{cs} Letter for which I return thanks I hope you have rec^d my last by M^r Pope giving the news of the defeat of that party of French & Indians that had invaded our Mohaukes Countrey I thought fit to give you a short acco^t of what I observe of our Indians of the Five Nations as now Circumstanced they are Witnesses to the Desolations of many Out Farms in our Frontiers to the small Number of Forces we have upon our Frontiers which brings an unsupportable charge upon this small Province & all the encouragement they have to Continue the war with the French from us which is small to them tho great from us they are daily invited & allured by the French and those praying Indians they have already debauch^d to Come over to their side in their Conference with me after their return from pursuit of the Enemy they did magnify the strength of Cannida & Commend their Liberality to their Indians saying the Gov^r of Cannida gives his Indians Guns & Ammunition You give only Ammunition I did endeavour to give them satisfaction & promised to see them again this Summer my speedy coming with the Forces I brought for their relief had a great Influence upon them & they were seemingly Contented

I have their Majestys Directions to maintain the Antient p. 236
Alliance with them which Can never be Effectually Done (notwithstanding their Conveniency of having the English to friend unless we make some greater show of Action & there be a Greater force upon our & their frontiers to retrieve Connestoquioena (a place beyond Schennectida near Corlaers Lake and our out farms & Fortificitions make large presents & build a Stone fort at Albany w^{ch} being Furnished with such Ordinance as I brought over will make our Indians true and Stedfast & protect us all from Canada when I shall meet the Indians I will take Care to enjoyn them that they neither do nor suffer any Damage to be done to their Majestys Subjects of Maryl^d

Our Assembly are now sitting & have Signified their their good Affection to their Majestys by giving 6000^l for the Year ensuing to reinforce Albany & the Frontires but we are of opinion it is almost Impossible for the people to pay it our Youth run into Connetticot & the Ierseys to avoid the duty so that we are hard put to it to find 200 Men to releive those that are to be discharged May next I have wrote to S^r W^m Phipps for 200 Men which may be well Spared out of Connetticot & the nearest parts

If your Excellency do Consider with the Council and As-