

Province of the Massachusetts Bay In Council 14th Jan^{ry} 1731 Lib. M.

Voted that his Excellency be desired to write to the Honble M^r Van Dam President of his Majestys Council at New York in Answer to his Letter dated the 9th of October last to signify to him that if that Government shall think proper to send a Comm^r to the Governor of Canada to remonstrate against his Proceedings in erecting a Fort at Crown Point whithin the Dominions of his Majesty of Great Britain, and to insist upon demolishing the same, and his withdrawing the Forces therefrom; This Government upon seasonable Notice thereof will readily contribute their Proportion of the Charges thereof, or send some suitable pson to accompany the Comm^r of New York: And in as much as the five Nations of Indians under the Dominion of Great Britain are particularly affected by the said Encroachment that his Exc^y be desired to write to M^r Van Dam to ingage them to joyn these Governments in the said Affair, and that this Province will in the mean time take Care to instruct the Agent for this at Great Britain to joyn with the Agent of New York in an humble Representation of this Affair to his Majesty for his Direction therein

Sent down for Concurrence John Willard Sec^{ry}

In the house of Representatives read and Concurred January 14th 1731 John Quincy Speaker

Copy Examined John Wilward Secretary

Copia from the Original Examined by me N. York 11th february 1731 Rip Van Dam.

At a Council held at Fort George in New York 11th of p. 54
February 1731 Present

The Honourable Rip Van Dam Esq^r President

M ^r Clarke	M ^r Kennedy
M ^r Alexander	M ^r Delancey
M ^r Provoost	M ^r Courtland

The President desiring the Opinion of the Board with Respect to what further Steps that may be necessary to be taken with Relation to the French their building a Fort at Crown Point This Board is of Opinion that it would be necessary for his Honour to write to the President of the Province of New Jersey, and also to the Governors of Virginia and Maryland acquainting them therewith, and also that the President should send to Each of them severally a Copy of that Letter that the President