

herewith inclosed You will Judge what a Wavering and fickle Disposition the United Nations of Indians in League with the Respective British Colonies on the Continent, are at length brought to, Through the Indefatigable Industry and delusive Artifices and Intrigues of the French, and will thence Conclude how much it imports these Respective Governments to unite their Force and Councils, in order to defeat their Destructive Schemes

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The French of Canada, from the late Success of the British Arms in the Conquest of the Island of Breton, no doubt are become Apprehensive, that wee have Views of penetrating farther into their Country (as I hope the Case may be) And makeing them still more Sensible of British Resentment: As no Acquisition Could be of such Infinite advantage to these Colonies, It must Therefore be a Matter we have almost Warmly at Heart, And the French most Terrible Ideas of, It behooves them thereof to Exert their profoundest Policies and Craft in pursuing at all Adventures, such Measures as may be most likely to frustrate any such Attempts, and divert that Torrent which they may imagine seems Ready to overwhelm them; And as a Main Expedient to ward off the Impending Danger, It seems probable the French have made the Strongest Efforts to induce our Indians to a Revolt, And indeed they seem to have made but too great Condesention towards it, by Accepting from the Governor of Cannada Belts of Wampum Containing the figure of a Hatchet, Signifying among those People a Declaration of Warr, upon Condition only of Carrying them to their Respective Castles to deliberate upon, before they give their decicive Answer. Since Matters are brought to this Crisis, I Could not hesitate one Moment about Communicating this Intelligence to the Governours of the Respective Colonies, concerned in the Issue of an Affair of such great Concern And at the same time informing them of the Steps I am taking, in order to Retain these reunited Nations in their fidelity to his Majesty and firm to their Engagements entered into by their several Treatys, Concluded and so Often Renewed and Confirmed between them and the Governors of the Respective British Colonies, To this end I have appointed the fourth day of October next for a Meeting and Conference with them And have Thought it necessary (as the Value of Indian Goods is Exceedingly enhanced) to be provided with £1000, which is upwards of the Value of two years usual presents, As the most perswasive means to Restore them to perfect good Temper, and Reestablish them in a firm Attachm^t to us, insomuch as to engage them (if possible) to Joyn heartily with us in an Offensive prosecution of the Warr whenever it shall become Necessary. These are my Views which I shall use my utmost Endeavour to Attain to the Accomplishment whereof, The presence of Deputys from your Governm^t at the same time furnished with the like means (as it seems absolutely necessary so) will no doubt very