

U. H. J. as they Serve to Confirm me in my Private Opinion concerning the
 indubitable property of the Country Westward of these Provinces,
 may, I hope, with some effect be urged to obviate and remove such
 Scruples and doubts as have been lately Started about the Extent of
 his Majestys American Dominions

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Did I think such Motives were wanting I might Set before you
 the Examples of the Several Provinces around us to warm and
 incite you to a generous Emulation of the laudable Zeal they have
 Shewn for the Common cause and to a just Resentment of the
 Insults that have been offered to the British name and dignity: But
 from a Persuasion that you will be actuated by more noble Principals,
 than such as arise from the fear of Censure I shall Satisfie myself
 with reminding you that the Enterprize which the Virginians have
 begun and the neighbouring Governments, unanimously engaged to
 prosecute is undertaken for the preservation of our common Safety
 and that its Miscarriage must be productive of the most fatal Con-
 sequences; a due Reflection on this I am willing to believe will suffi-
 ciently prompt you to a performance of the duty we owe to our
 Sovereign, our fellow Subjects Ourselves and our Posterity; How
 conducive it would be to the Success of this Important Expedition
 and to our future Security to prevail on those Indian Nations whom
 the Artifices and Insinuations of our Enemy have hitherto been
 unable to Seduce to espouse our Cause vigorously, at this critical
 Juncture, I leave your own Reason to Suggest to you; That and the
 cogent Arguments contained in some Letters that shall be offered to
 your Consideration will I am persuaded convince you of the indis-
 pensable Necessity there is of Complying with his Majestys pleasure
 Signified to us by the Lords of Trade concerning an Interview with
 the Six Nations at Albany and will also induce you to consent that the
 Commissioners from this Province be vested with Power and Liberty
 to concert Measures and Stipulate with the Several Persons that may
 be Deputed thither by the other Provinces for building Forts &
 Places for the Reception and defence of the Indian Wives and Fam-
 ilies on Occasion who must otherwise/while the warriors are engaged
 from home in our Service/be deserted and abandoned to the rage of
 their incensed & Revangeful Enemies

Upon no Account would I divert your attention from what has been
 now promised; but as I conceive that the pleasantness of the Season
 will after the dispatch of what I have been recommending to have
 the first place in your Consultations, tempt you to proceed to other
 Business I cannot but take Occasion to acquaint you with the Pensil-
 vania Government's having shewed Inclination to pass a Law for the
 more effectual punishment of such Persons as shall counterfeit &
 utter among them the Paper Currency of this and the other Prov-
 inces, as such an Act would be an Additional Support to the Credit