

Lib. M. their several Agents in Great Britain to joyn with the Agents of this Province in any Solicitations or Representations that shall be made to his Majesty concerning the said French Encroachments

I have therefore thought it my Duty to inform your Excellency hereof, not at all doubting but that you are well satisfied what the evil Consequences by such Encroachm^{ts} might be (We know not how soon) to all his Majestys Provinces on this Continent, and therefore to request you that You would be pleased to send the necessary Orders to your Agent in Great Britain to joyn with Ours and those of the Massachusets Bay in a Representation to his Majesty and to beg his Royal directions in this Behalf whereby the fatal Consequences of such and the like Encroachments may be prevented I rest in Expectation of your Exc^{ys} Answer and remain

S^r Your most humble Obedient Servant
Rip Van Dam

The Gov^r of Maryland

p. 53 Present At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the
Evert Banker Indian Affairs at Albany Septem^r 25th 1731
Ruigert Blyher
Stefanus Mess^{rs} Johannes Evertse Wendel and Isaac
Groesbeek Kip being yesterday arrived from Canada, this
Johannes Cuy- Board having desired to speak with them, they
ler do say that in their going up thither, they found
Nicolas Blyher the French employed in erecting a Fort at the
Duih Ten Crown Point on the South End of Corlaers Lake,
Broek near the carrying Place above Saragtoe, in which
Evert Wendell Work there was Eighty odd Men concerned, which at their
Johannes Lan- Return they found compleated and inclosed with Stockadoes,
sing and likewise they have finished a house of forty foot, and were
busy to erect Two more, who design to strengthen the same
by inclosing it with a Stone Wall next Spring as the aforesaid
Gentlemen were credibly informed in Canada; the af^d Mess^{rs}
likewise say that they have heard that the French positively
design to go up next Spring with Two hundred Men to Tre-
derondequatt, w^{ch} is on the South Side of Caderochque Lake
above Oswego near the Senekees Country in order to stop the
English Trade at Oswego; they say also (as they are informed)
that John Cure was going out to bring over to the Interest of
the French a New Settlement of Indians above Najagero, who
have been in Command with the Inhabitants of the Province
of Pensylvania

A true Copy examined and compared by me
N: York 11th febr^y 1731 Rip Van Dam

This Crown Point is but 3 Days Journey from Albany