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Destroying by one Hasty Decisive Blow all the Rights and Privileges granted by the Policy of former times to the Proprietary and Charter Governments who to the Protection and Security of their Grants and Charters and the Privileges derived under the same Stand Indebted for their present flourishing Condition to the Envy of Foreign Nations and the great Honour benefit and advantage of their Mother Country from whom They derive their present happy Constitution.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly Prays This Honourable House to take the premisses into their Consideration and that he may be heard by his Council against such parts of the said Bill as relate to "the better Enforcing his Majestys Orders and Instructions Throughout the said Colonies and Plantations" and that this Honourable House will make such Order in the premisses as to this Honourable House in their great wisdom and Justice shall seem meet.

New York 27<sup>th</sup> January 1745

U. H. J.  
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Sir Pursuant to my Recommendation to the Council and Assembly, to make Provision for the Appointment of Commissioners for this Province, to treat with such Commissioners as are or shall be appointed by the neighbouring Governments, upon concerting measures for our mutual Security, Defence and Conduct, during the Present War; Committees of both Houses have conferred upon the subject matter thereof, and requested me to appoint commissioners for that Purpose, who are to make report of their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, that such measures may be taken jointly with the several Governments, as shall be judged most expedient.

They have likewise desired me to represent to the several Governments upon the wavering Disposition of the Indians, and the fatal consequence which may arise to all the Colonies in general, in case they should be withdrawn from their Fidelity and Dependence upon the British Interest: Whereupon there seems to be an absolute necessity for the Colonies uniting their Endeavours, at all Events, to secure the Indians effectually in our Interest at this critical Conjunction, as the Enemy leave no Artifice untried to seduce them, having many Jesuitical Emissaries constantly residing amongst them; and should they at length prevail with them to revolt, the Frontiers of the respective Colonies, subject to his Majesty, must lie open and exposed to the Insults of the French and Savages. As a union of Councils from the several Governments will be the most likely means of defeating the Designs of so barbarous an Enemy, and advancing the common cause of his Majesty's Subjects upon the Continent, I doubt not but you will think proper to communicate this Representation to your Council and Assembly, and