

Liber K. We thought good to give your Excellency timely notice thereof, that your Excellency may consider to do what you conceive your duty on such occasion, the charge of this present Expedition cannot as yet be Computed but must Certainly be greater then this small Province can well afford, we hope if you Cannot at present supply us with men at your distance You will be ready to Contribute to the charge Wee are

Your Excellencys affect friends & Serv^{ts}
 for their Majestys Frederick Philips
 Service Chr Brooke
 To Lionel Copley Esq^r G Munnell S V Cortland
 Cap^t Gen^l & Gov^r in
 chief of Maryl^d

These

Fort W^m Henry the 11th of March 1692

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This comes to give your Excellency an acco^t of the small victory over that party of French and Indians that lately Invaded our Maquaes Countrey, they had taken & destroyed the three Maquaes Castles most of their Men & all their Women & Children Prisoners ere our forces could Come up for their relief

On the 8th of February the Alarm was given at Albany the
 p. 201 13th about 4 a Clock afternoon Major Schuyler Marched from Schennectada with 250 Men 14th was within 8 Miles of the Enemy on their way home 15th about Noon Major Schuyler was Ioynd by 290 of our upper Indians 16th Came up With the Enemys place of rest the night preceeding & was advised the Enemy had fortified themselves within Two Miles on the head of a rising peice of Ground wherein they had dug Square Pitts about 4 or 5 f^t depth this day Arnout the Interpreters Son run over from the Enemy gave their Number to be 700 the 17th came in sight of their fort about 8 a Clock in the morning our Indians immediately went about Fortifying within 300 Paces of the Enemy being Covered by our Christians the French Sallyed out upon them & our Christians posted in the way gave them such a Blow as made them return into their Fort & so a 2^d & 3^d time after which they made preparations for Flight, the night following being cold Snowy Weather which they Effectted, our Indians & they did threaten one another concerning the Prisoners which had this Effect, Our Indians refused to Fire upon the French & they gave the Prisoners their Liberty who are all returned the want of Provisions did stop the persuit till next Day & coming up with the River Side found the enemy had got over by a Large Cake of Ice fast in the narrow place of the River