

Liber K. the Governor and Council of New York having been recommended to the Consideration of the house of Assembly and their Opinion thereon endorsed and returned again to his Excellency (viz<sup>t</sup>)

May it please your Excellency

This comes to congratulate your safe Arrival and happy Accession to the Government of Maryland, We are heartily glad of so good a Neighbour as You are characterized to be by all the Gentlemen of your Acquaintance in this Province, We pray You to be so kind as to maintain a frequent Correspondence with Us by all Occasions, You may be sufficiently informed by the President M<sup>r</sup> Blakiston, and the several books and Papers sent from this Place, what Proposals have been made to your Colony and the rest of Our Neighbours towards the Defence of Albany which is the frontier Garrison of all the English Plantations on the main of America, which if lost, We must lose Our Indians, the ill Consequence whereof will be equally shared amongst Us all, and do making thinking Men to dread, the loose State and Condition of Government amongst our Neighbours hath retarded their motion towards Our Aid to reinforce that Post, so that the whole Burthen hath lain upon this poor Province which indeed is intolerable, Our Indians have been very unsteady, and now We are forced to a great Charge of Presents to preserve them in Amity; Our Neighbours in Virginia did send Us Bills for about One hundred pounds to be given to the Indians, to tye the Knott of Friendship on their behalf, and this is all that ever yet We have received from any of Our Neighbours of any Sort of Assistance, tho this Government since Governor Slaughters Arrival are at above 700<sup>l</sup> Charge in Presents, besides the Great Expencc in maintaining that Garrison, We have had 300 Fusileers all this Winter at Albany in pay who are to be discharged in May next, by the Blessing of God it is still preserved, but in such a fainting and languishing Condition that all the Inhabitants are ready to retire to the Sea side, Trade being extinguished, and daily Alarms from the Enemy, We have been forced to make an Order & Proclamation to prohibit any Manner of Persons able to bear Arms to withdraw from thence without a pass, which the Enemy would rejoyce to hear of, the City of Albany and Plantations next the River have been lately much damnified by a flood of Rain, so that now We are obliged to supply them with Bread, We have already and now again are resolved in all humility to represent our Condition to their sacred Majesties also with Relation to Our Neighbours on behalf of that Garrison, and beg your Endeavours in like manner: We have received