

known or strongly suspected to be one Mons^r Casteene and those Indians northern Indians of Pennobscott that lately did the mischief to the Eastw^d of Boston this is what at present we have concluded on if any thing else materiall shall hereafter happen shall take care to advise you if any thing of moment present with your Excellency please to impart the same to

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S^r please to give my humble Service to your Lady & accept the same your self with my hearty good wishes & Orisons for the health wealth & Prosperity of you both and all your good Family I am as above

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Your Exc^{lleys} most Obedient humble Serv^t

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To his Excellency Benj^a Fletcher
Esq^r Captain Generall & Chief
Governor of their Majestys
Territory of New York

Present

St Marys City March 10th 1692

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That I have not sooner answer'd your Excellency of the 10th December last by M^r Trevit in the New York Sloop attribute it to want of matter worth imparting and a Convenient Opportunity of safe conveyance that I do not now with my own Pen please to impute it to my present indisposition under the pardonable Circumstances of a disconsolate Widower, my Wife after a Sharp and tedious fitt of Sickness departing this Life on Sunday last the 5th Instant about two a Clock in the morning. We have been lately alarmed from the Report of a Parcell of Strange Indians lately seating themselves at the Head of the Bay in this Province and a greater Number expected they pretend to Come from the Southward and to desire leave to dwell among us in Amity but by what Inspection has been made therein some testimonies taken and Several Circumstances thereunto Relating, we have great Reason to Suspect them to be Northern Indians and our Enemies designed for mischief having among them and in great Respect with them a French man strongly presumed to be Mons^r Casteene who lately acted all the mischief at Pennobscott and this from the Evidence of a Person that had formerly been in the wars in New England and having

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