

further treaty & Entering into a League with them if it shall then appear that they are Friends & come in the way of peace of w^{ch} we shall also duly advise your Excellency in the mean time & upon all occasions we are

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Your Excellencys affectionate Friends

To his Excellency	& Servants
Benj ^a Fletcher Capt	L C
General & chief Governor	N B I A
of their Majestys Territory	N G T B
of New York	D B I C

Present

Maryland April 11th 1693

Sir

Your Excellency has we understand been already informed by our Governor of some strange Indians coming & seating among us at the head of the Bay & that there was with them a Frenchman supposed or suspected to be one Mons^r Casteene a grand Villain & Enemy to our Nation we have since & this very day had him & some of the great men of the Indians before us under Examination & the Frenchman we find not to be the man expected the Indians declare themselves a sort of people or Nation called the Stabbernowles formerly driven away by another Nation to the Westward called the Twit-tatweese & forced farr to the Southward, where for a considerable time they have lived & now Come (as they pretend in the way of peace to live under our protection but what credit to give them or how far to trust them we are at a stand & not yet resolved but at present have concluded to suffer them to sit still & treat them friendly until the Assembly sit on the 20th of May next to whose further & more strict Examination we have thought fit to refer them & have then appointed them to Come & treat of a peace & Entring into a League of Friendship with us if it shall then appear that their pretences are real & that they come in the way of peace

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We have & do daily receive no small trouble from the Insufferable insolent carriage & behaviour conspiracies & contrivances of our Popish adversaries & other dissaffected p^{ns}ons to their Majestys Interest & Government here within this Province which we have hitherto endeavoured to stifle & suppress by following the most moderate & gentle measures we could but are forced now at last to make use of somewhat more strict means to effect it upon the most notorious Offenders

In our Inquisition to find out the Principal Authors & Actors in our disturbances we come to see your Excellency as well as our selves has not escaped the lash & censure of