

Liber K. ssembly & assist us with money at your distance for those uses it will be more Convenient for you at Present I do presume by this time your Excellency has received her Majestys Directions for our Assistance I am
 Your Exc^{llcys} most humble Serv^t
 Ben Fletcher

At the same time also was produced & read this foll^o Copy of a Letter from the Queen to the Gov^r of Pensylvania &c^a mentioned in the foregoing viz^t

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Mary R

Trusty and well Beloved we greet you well Whereas it hath been represented unto us in Council in Behalf of our Province of New York in America that the same having been at great expence for the preservation and defence of Albany its Frontires against the French by the Loss of which Province the Inhabitants of Maryl^d & Virginia would not be able to Live but in Garrison & having hitherto preserved that Post the burden whereby is now intollerable to the Inhabitants there we think it reasonable & necessary that our several Collonies & Provinces of New England Virginia Maryland & Pensylvania should be aiding & assisting from time to time to the Gov^r or Commander in chief of our said Province of New York in the maintenance & defence of it during the present war & accordingly our Will & pleasure is that upon the application of the said Gov^r or Commander in chief you do immediately send him such aid or assistance in men or otherwise for the security of our said Province from the attempts of the French or Indians as the Conditions of the plantations under your Governments shall permit & our further pleasure is that as soon as Conveniently may be you agree with the Governors of New England Virginia & Maryland unto whom we have sent the like Directions upon a Quota of Men or other assistance to be given by each Colony or Province for the defence of New York, as Occasion may require the same & that you return a speedy Acco^t of your proceedings herein to the end such further Directions may be given as shall be necessary for securing the Fort of Albany & the Province of New York from the attempts of our Enemy in those parts And so we bid you farewell Given at our Court at Whitehall the 11th day of Oct^r 1692: In the fourth Year of our Reign
 To our Trusty & well Beloved Benj^a Fletcher Esq^r
 By her Majestys Command
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Our Captain General & Governor in Chief in & over our Province of Pensylvania