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Lre: to Capt. Brockholls:

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Honrd S^r

Haveing farther Confirmacōn and Certainety of severall Troopes gonn downe in to our Country vpon the Indians living amongst us (und^r p^rtence whereof they kill'd the Christians and Robb'd their houses last fall) and being likewise willing to prepare proposicōns against the comeing downe of the severall Sachims to treat wth wee desired to know how far wee might depend upon the Countenance and assistance of the Commissarys of this Towne and to that end framed these two inclosed proposicōns and p^rsented them, after two dayes wayteing for an answer wee desired to knowe of M^r Levistone when wee might Expect it, who tould us that the Comiss^{ys} did not expect propositions of that import, and that they had not power to Condescend to them, Wee desired him to move the Gent: to give us such answer as they thought good that wee might have time as wee found occasion to apply ourselves to you; This day they returned us this

p. 38 inclosed answer and gave us notice that M^r Garritson was by Order of their Court, and wee suppose vpon some misunderstanding of our proposicōns to dispatch in person this next morning away to you at New Yorke which gives us this Occasion of troubling your Hon^r wth another letter sooner then Wee expected by him, S^r Wee doubt not but you will readily p^rceive that the intent of our proposicōns are, that this Governm^t would act or doe something in terro^r to the Indians breaking their league and peace with us and to deliver them from comeing downe into our Country To doe us the like spoiles they did last yeare and soe putt it into such words as wee conceived most Effectuall to that end the Consequence whereof wee are Confident would be peace and quiett, which wee conceive is soe farr from being an Evill that it would certainly be the true interest and Comodity of this Governm^t as well as ours, and this soe Evident that wee not add arguments to illustrate notwithstanding that the Gent of the Court have fashioned a greate many strange mischeifes that may accrue there by to themselves Wee are very sorry and almost ashamed to see that the severall Indian nations cann soe readily Confederate against us, and wee be so cautious and fearfull of but threatening them with a Confederation amongst our selves, although Our people Subjects of Our King, and the declareing our selves Enemyes to the Kings Enemyes, and that not supporting succouring and Supplying with Armes, and ammunition those Indians that doe and will use them against his Majesties subjects are matters of such dangerous consequence.