

Taken into consideration the giving an Answer to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Lib. H. D.  
the Govern<sup>r</sup> of New Yorks last Letter hither sent, bearing  
Date the 30<sup>th</sup> of August past, as also to another by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Whitehall  
Rec<sup>d</sup> from the honor<sup>ble</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Council of that Province,  
Dated 9<sup>th</sup> of September after, which said Letters together  
with certain Indian propositions inclosed were afore read in  
Council & laid before the House of Burgesses for their con-  
sideration & Run in these following Words, Viz<sup>t</sup>

Govern<sup>r</sup> of  
New York's  
Lre for  
Assistance  
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New York, August the 30<sup>th</sup> 1695

S<sup>r</sup> Yo<sup>r</sup> Excell Letter by M<sup>r</sup> Tasker came hither the  
27<sup>th</sup> instant which I yesterday laid before the Council,  
who were of Opinion (the necessities of the Govern<sup>t</sup> being so p. 251  
great) that the Bills by him offered should be Received, tho  
the assistance they give holds no proportion with that  
Required by her late Ma<sup>ty</sup> Royall Letter nor the present Whitehall  
necessities of this province.

It does not seem reasonable that 1198 Men should be  
appointed by the Crown for the Colonies & provinces vpon the  
Main for the defence & assistance of this Province (which in  
truth is the safety of all the rest) without Arms, Ammunition,  
Officers pay & other incidents, the want of those would render  
them useles, the Charge for one year amounts to £30000 a  
sume not to be supplied here, the burthen of it would make  
the inhabitants quit their dwellings (which too many here  
have already done by reason of the charge of the Warr which  
has lain so heavy vpon this province some years past) the  
ffrench are very diligent, and both by force & fraud Endeavour  
to divert & debauch the ffive Nations of Indians from their  
fidelity to the English; the keeping them firm does not cost  
this province less yearly than £2000 and in this New York  
has the least concern, being settled in Towns and so more  
capable of defence.

By my last advice the ffrench are resetling Cadaracqui  
which had I force sufficient might easily be prevented; how  
prejudiciall to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> intrest and dangerous to his Subjects  
in those parts the ffrench advances on the back of these Colonies  
will prove every rationall man acquainted with their scituation  
must be extreme sensible of

His Majesty has been pleased to Entrust me with the direc-  
tions of the Quota's of Men or other assistance appointed; and  
as to Maryland so to the other Colonies, I have applied for  
their full Quota's at different times, and shall take care the  
assistance come proportionably and do again apply my self to  
your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> for your Quota, I am S<sup>r</sup> Yo<sup>r</sup> Excell humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Govern<sup>r</sup> Nicholson }  
Maryland }

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