

Lib. H. D. We severall times prest it to the house, the Result whereof  
 I have here inclosed sent, and according to the request of the  
 Whitehall House have sent your Excell the Bills for 133<sup>lbs</sup>: 8<sup>s</sup>: 7<sup>d</sup>: strl  
 together with two Letters of advice about the same Bills to  
 my Merchant to pay them. Your Excell has not been pleased  
 to Answer that part of my Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> of August past  
 touching invading or being invaded, so that not knowing the  
 certainty is one Reason that has occasioned the Assembly to  
 Raise more Rangers for the security of our ffrontiers & to  
 put the Militia in a more ready posture. As to what your  
 Excell writes concerning Arms, Amunition, Officers pay &  
 other incidents, I can say no more than what I have already.  
 And I am very sorry that the Charge of the Warr has been  
 so heavy vpon the province of New York; but I find that  
 neither his Ma<sup>ts</sup> hono<sup>ble</sup> Council nor the Burgesses of the  
 House of Assembly are of Opinion that the province of New  
 York is the safety of this.

As the ffrench are very diligent both by force & fraud in  
 endeavouring to debauch the ffive Nations of Indians (vnder  
 your Excell Comānd) from their fidelity to the English, and  
 also of their design of Endeavouring to resettle Cadaracqui,  
 so it is not in the least to be doubted but that by your Ex<sup>ncies</sup>  
 Conduct & Courage they will be prevented of their designs  
 so farr as it is possible; but as for sending your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> men  
 from this Province, the inclosed Resolves of the House will  
 inform your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> so hoping to heare some more good News  
 from England of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> further good success in his Con-  
 p. 255 quests both by Land & Sea, which if it comes to your  
 Excellency, I shall take it as a great honour to have an  
 Account of it, when I vnderstand your Excell has it not, the  
 same shall be sent you by Yo<sup>r</sup> Excell humble Servant  
 ffr: Nicholson

The Resolves of the House of Burgesses which were in the  
 Whitehall above Letter inclosed, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

At a Council in Assembly held at the Port of Annapolis  
 the 2<sup>d</sup> day of October, 1695.

Present

His Excellency ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & c<sup>a</sup>

Proceedings Produced & Read a Letter from his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Coll  
 of the Coun- Benjamin ffletcher Govern<sup>r</sup> of New York vnto his  
 cill & House Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of this Prov-  
 of Burgesses Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of this Prov-  
 wh were ince directed, bearing Date the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August  
 sent inclos- ed in a Let- last past; Ordered that the same be laid before the  
 Whitehall ter to the House of Delegates & Burgesses for their consider-  
 Govern<sup>r</sup> of ation.  
 New York.