

Lib. H. D. that the ffort there galls & harasses them, and that your Excell is not able to give your Indians assistance to beat the ffrrench from thence; But M^r Tasker who waited on your Ex^{ncy} lately from this Govern^t did by your Order bring vs a Copy of his Excell the Govern^r of Virginia's Letter to your Excell concern- ing sending their Quota of Men to Albany to be there by the ffrst of May next, so then your Excell will be 240 men stronger.

I design (God willing) that our Assembly shall meet in the Spring, for there is no doing of it in the Winter, in this Coun- trey, and then I shall lay before them your Ex^{ncies} Letter in the mean time hope that our three hundred & odd pounds may be some ways vsefull to his Ma^{ts} service in your Ex^{ncies} Govern^t And I hope my very good friends William Nichols & Chidley Brook Esq^{ts} whom I hear your Ex^{ncy} hath sent to England will be able to do his Majesty good service, which to hear of will be very acceptable to

Yo^r Excell most humble Servant

ffr: Nicholson

Govern^r ffletcher.

S^r

Govern^r of
New Yorks
Letter to his
Excell I have received yours of the 29th of November but have no further Acco^t of Admirall Russells Action at Marselles than the Report from New-found Land, which yet wants confirmation, I am big with expectation of the good success of his Ma^{ts} forces both by Sea & Land this last year and do always pray & wish that he may be succesfull against his Enemies and the Enemies of our Religion & Nation.

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Whitehall His Majesties Councill of this province are no less sensible of your Endeavours to strengthen Vs than I am and the 300 & odd pounds transmitted to Us from Maryland vnder your care is Received with thanks & applyed to the proper vse and a fair Representation thereof made to the Lords of the Com- mittee. M^r Brooks & M^r Nicholls sent from hence have Instructions to make a fair & true Representation of the cir- cumstances his Ma^{ts} Subjects of this province are vnder in relation to our present Warr with the ffrrench of Canida & the assistance We have from the adjacent Colonies which I hope may be of good Effect, not only to Us but to our Neighbours.

As to the Quota of Men from Virginia, I cannot depend vpon them, S^r Edmund Andros having the same Reason from his part as you from yours that he dare not go so farr as to hazard the peace & quiet of that his Ma^{ts} province.

The Copy of S^r Edmunds Letter was desired by M^r Tasker & sent at his instance, not a particular Ord^r of my own.

That the ffrrench are endeavouring to debauch our Indians is apparent, it is their intrest and I am doubtfull by their