

repossession of this ffort of Cadaracqui they will force or fright them into a compliance (I am of oppinion it is absolutely necessary for his Ma<sup>ts</sup> service to support the ffive Nations of Indians) the service they perform against the fFrench cannot be easily done by Christian forces without a charge greater than the Province can bear the Revenue whereof being exhausted by the dayly charge of the Warr and notwithstanding an Additional Duty raised for payment of the Debts of this Governm<sup>t</sup> the Emergencies that happen dayly are so great that all is expended and the province some thousand pounds indebted and this I cannot avoid vnless I have some assistance of Men or Money. Lib. H. D.

I see the sad experience of an Indian Warr in New England at this day where notwithstanding the English are very numerous have many Towns and the Enemy (as is said) not above 300 yet these Infidels gain dayly vpon them. p. 279

I dont question your Excell<sup>s</sup> Zeal for his Ma<sup>ts</sup> service & the publick good and hope by your influence the next Assembly of your province may be induced to a consideration of their Neighbours hardships and the ill consequences of a fFrench power growing & incroaching vpon his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Subjects, not only of New-York, but of all the rest of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Territories & Dominions of this Main of America.

I send inclosed the Copyes of the last intelligence I had from New-England When any News comes to me it shall be communicated to yo<sup>r</sup> Excell by

Yo<sup>r</sup> most humble Servant  
Ben: ffletcher

The Intelligence from New-England follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>

Copy

Intelligence S<sup>r</sup>  
from New-  
England

In my last I gave you an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Arrivall of a Vessell from Canida, which was dispatched from hence to fetch home our prisoners there, and also sent you a Copy of Count ffrontiniacks Letter directed to my self received by the said Vessell, since which M<sup>r</sup> Mathew Carey, who was imployed vpon that occasion has delivered a further information in Writing vnder his hand of some things which occurred whils<sup>t</sup> he was at Quebeck, of considerable import, a Copy whereof I here inclose for your Ex<sup>ncies</sup> satisfaction & advisem<sup>t</sup> what improvem<sup>t</sup> may be made thereof I have at present kept it private here, its only with my self & the Secretary; he had the Account thereof from severall Officers there, principally from the person whose name & quality is mentioned in the Marjant of the said Information, he also told him that he was Whitehall