

Lib. H. D. determined to get to England & to wait vpon his Ma<sup>ty</sup> and give him a full Acco<sup>t</sup> of the State of that Countrey & the disposition of the people there, herewith is also transmitted a List of severall prisoners belonging to your province, in the hands of the ffrench, besides some that are with the Indians, I am

Yo<sup>r</sup> Excell affectionate ffriend  
& very humble Servant  
W<sup>m</sup> Stoughton

Boston, Novembe<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1695  
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To his Excellency Benjamin ffletcher &c<sup>a</sup>

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Laragterie  
Capt<sup>t</sup> of  
Marine  
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The information of Mathew Carey received from severall ffrench Protestant Officers & Soldiers at Quebeck

Copy first of the great oppression they now lye vnder, counting themselves more as slaves than Christian Subjects, Reasons for which is.

That all Officers through the ffrench Kings necessity are Ordered a stop to the halfe part of their yearly Sallary towards the maintenance of the Warr.

Whitehall

The poor Soldiers so imposed on that their Wages is so stopt towards the paym<sup>t</sup> of their Cloaths, has not remaining more than a penny p day which with the scarcity of provision & other necessaries compells them to live in miserable poverty besides the great severity & oppression of an Arbitrary Govern<sup>r</sup> who compells them at all Seasons, without respect to quality, Age or youth to sacrificize their lives to the Rage of the cruell and merciless heathen, which (if they escape) often perish by hunger & cold. These with a great desire of the protestant Liberty does create in them an earnest desire to be vnder the English protection. To Effect which they have proposed these following methods. As New-York being the most nigh, and the way they are most acquainted with thither, they would daily desert, had they a sure protection from the Maquass Cruelty, who have already murdered severall in making their escape to Us; so that it might be very necessary for the Govern<sup>r</sup> of New-York & Albany to forbid the same & rather encourage & cherish all those not coming in a hostile manner part of these disaffected soldiers & Officers are now Garrisoned at the ffort of Cadaracqui, which secretly sent me intelligence that if the Govern<sup>r</sup> of New-York would Ord<sup>r</sup> a party of Men to Attack them, and before an Assault, made to send a summons for the surrender with promise of fair quarter & Christian like Usage they may expect it to be delivered without blood shed, wherein may be found good store of