

Arms, Amunition & provision laid there for the retreat & recruit of their Army of ffifteen hundred Men, designed in January next to invade Albany; ffive hundred of which is intended to beset the Maquass, whilst the other part lyes par- due, expecting ffort Albany will be weakened & neglected by soldiers being drawn forth to the Maquass assistance at which time they design with the thousand to assault it. Moreover being credibly informed of the great desire the Ottawa Indians have to be at peace with the English & Maquass of Albany they being a stout numerous & Warlike Nation, whose number, courage & trade the ffrench dreads the loss off Severall of the Chief in request among them have earnestly intreated some of our English Captives to the ffrench to advertize the same to the Governo^r of New-York and that if he will send his Maquass with terms of peace they will readily Agree to it, many of them not only so, but will joyne in a body of a thousand with the English & Maquass of Albany to invade any part of Canida, and likewise bring all their great Trade of peltry to Us, being much more near to them than Canida, all which will prove of very great loss & disadvantage to the Enemy.

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Mat: Carey

A true Copy Examined ʔ

Novemb^r 25th 1695

Isa: Addington Sec^y

His Ex^{ncies} Answer to Govern^r ffletchers Letter follows, Viz^t

Port of Annapolis, ffeb^{ry} 4th 1695/6.

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His Ex^{ncies}
Answer to
the Govern^r
or New
York's
Letter

Your Excellencies Letter of Decemb^r 13th I have and am very sorry that I cannot send the confirmation of the News about Admirall Russell, but by an Acco^t which I have from London & Bristoll of the begining of November, he was safe Arrived in England with most of the ffleet, and that S^r George Rooke was gone with a Squadron to Command in the Streights.

Whitehall

His Ma^{ty} (thank God) was safe Arrived, the Parliam^t was dissolved and a new one choosing.

Inclosed is a Copy of a Letter which I had from Messiers Perry & Lane and send it you all that you may see the strange alteration about Guineas, gold & silver, and Trade; and particularly what concerns ours.

I daily expect a ship from London, and I hear I have Letters in her, and suppose the Whitehall ones are there for I have had none from thence yet.

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I hope M^r Brooks & M^r Nicholls are safe Arrived in England, & suppose they will make no other than a fair & true Representation of the circumstances of his Ma^{ty}s province,