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Clark living by Susquehannah River did informe your Lib. H. D. Deponent that she saw the ffrench men that dwelt among the Seniquo's at John Han's house the same day a dealing with P. 605 him, and M' Nicholls did informe your Deponent that those ffrench men were the same men that hope to Cutt off a great many People in New England and a Town, but the name I know not.

Your Deponent being at Thomas Brownes house to buy some Rume of him, the said Brown & I saw one Richard Touchstone w^{ch} told me that Thomas Browne did the night that I was there hide him the said Nicholls from being known th^t he was in his house, for the said Thomas Brown had about 200 Gallons of Rume of the said Nicholls to sell for him, w^{ch} the s^d Brown did sell for M^r Nicholls, & further I cannot say.

Michaell Iudd.

Annapolis Novem^r 22nd 1697.

Sworne before me Thomas Laurence.

1697 Govern' of New York Maryland Port Annapolis the 20th Novem' 97

His Exneys
Letter to the
Govern of
New York.

30th & am heartily sorry that I cannot send your
Exney a Confirmation of the news concerning his Maj^{tys} West
Indian Squadron; and we have had no vessells either from
Europe or the West Indies: So tis a very mellancholly time
with us for want of good news from those places: but I hope
in God that we shall have it shortly.

What you Exncy writes about Collo Gibsons resetling Newfoundland I hope is quite done long before this as also that he hath beaten the French quite out of that Countrey; wen I think will be a good stepp towards routing them out of Cannada: from whence I hope your Exncy will meet win no disturbance this winter so that you may not be again forced to make a dismall winter Campaign at Albany: Which to hear of, will be verry acceptable to your Exncys most humble Servant

ffr: Nicholson

Neare one of our Garrisons by the falls of Potomock, one of the Souldiers was killed by Indians, his head, & one of his arms carryed away; which, with what was a litle before done in Virginia, by Indians hath very much alarmd these parts, And I have raised more men to strengthen that Garrison and