

that you have had at Albany so long and sharp a winter: but no doubt yo^r Ex^{ncys} being there hath hindred Count ffrontiniack's resisting those parts; for he could not be sensible how hot a Reception you would have given him after his cold March. I am in hopes th^t before this, (yo^r Ex^{ncy} is aforehand to New York) and in perfect health, after so long and troublesome a fategue—I have an Acco^t that the Ship which saild from hence in the ffall and Carried yo^r Ex^{ncys} pacquets, was Safe Arrived at ffallmouth in October last, and I am to thank you for sending me my pacquet which came under yo^r Ex^{ncys} Cover from Whitehall; but it was of an Old date; We are in dayly hopes of the Arrivall of the two men of Warr, which you will see by the inclosed News which Came by the last Ship are design'd to strengthen our Convoy This day I design (God willing) for Virginia, in Order to send my Letters: for I suppose the ffleet will not sail till towards the middle of Aprill, and perchance, if those men of Warr come in (not so soon) I don't know whether yo^r Ex^{ncy} has as yet seen the Kings Speech and the Address of House of Commons; so they are herewith sent you by him who is

Lib. H. D.

Yo^r most humble Serv^t

Postscript.—If please God I meet with any late News; upon my Return, it shall be dispatcht to yo^r Ex^{ncy} by
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His Exncys Lre
to Mr Jamison
Cl. of the
Council in
New York.

M^r Jamison
S^r

I am to thank you for yo^{rs} of ffeb^{ry} 8th with the inclosed paper concerning the Indians, which you sent by Order of his Ex^{ncy} yo^r Gov^r as also for my Small pacquet from Whitehall.—I have by this convenience sent Gov^r fletcher the News which Came by our last London Ship.—If I can be any way Serviceable to you in these respects, upon Notice it shall be done by

Your Servant
ffr: Nicholson

March the 17th 1696/7.

The Council again Sate and were p^resent as Yesterday.

A memoriall
Read in Coun-
cill abt the
Post Office in
America

Read a memoriall by his Ex^{ncy} the Gov^r Rēcd; from Coll: Andrew Hamilton touching the post Office in America, Dated ffeb^{ry} the 9th 1696. Ordered that the Same be Referred to the Con- sideracōn of the next Assembly.

Consideracōn of the next Assembly.