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Sir

This will inform your Honour, that this Governm<sup>t</sup> taking into Consideration the great danger which all his Majesty's Colonies in North America are in (as well as their own particular danger) of being in time destroyed by the French and the Indians under their Influence, without a firm Union between themselves for their mutual Defence, and for weakening and destroying the Power of the Enemy, and more Especially for driving the French from the Borders of the Province of New York and this Province, have appointed Commissioners to meet in a Congress to be held at New York on the second Day of September next with such Commissioners as may be appointed by all his Majesty's Governments from New Hampshire to Virginia inclusively, them & there to treat and agree upon Measures for encouraging the Indians of the Six Nations vigorously to prosecute their Incursions on the Enemy, as also to agree upon the Method and Proportion of raising Men and Money for carrying on the War both offensively, & defensively, & to project and Settle such Enterprizes and Plans of Operation as the common Interest shall require.

Your Honour will, I doubt not, duly consider the great Importance of this Matter, and represent it in the strongest Light to your Assembly, that they may see not only how deeply his Maj<sup>ty's</sup> Interest in general is concerned, but that their own particular Safety will be soon much affected by the growing Power of the French and more especially the Hazard there is that they will bring the Six Nations into their Interest, in Case they are not forthwith most vigorously and effectually supported by the English, without which It will be but a very little while before the Southern as well as the Northern Colonies will be exposed to their Fury; & therefore I would recommend it to the several Governments separately to make Provision without delay for the Encouragement of the Six Nations 'till the Congress can be held; This Government having already advanced many large Sums of Money, and still continuing to raise more for this Service; Your Honour will be pleased to give me seasonable Advice of the Resolution of your Government on this most important Affair

I am Sir

Your Honours most Obedient  
and most humble servant  
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Which being read It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that He be pleased to send the following Answer thereto.