

Lib. J. R. King, Supported by some regular European Troops, intending as it is apprehended to commit some Hostilities on parts & U. S. of his Majestys Dominions in America I have the Kings Commands to Send you this Intelligence, and to direct you to use your utmost diligence, to learn how far the same may be well grounded and to put you upon your Guard that you may at all Events be in a condition to resist any hostile Attempts that may be made upon any parts of his Majestys Dominions within your Government and to direct you in the Kings Name, that in Case the Subjects of any Foreign Prince or State should presume to make any Incroachment, on the Limits of his Majestys Dominions or to erect Forts on his Majestys Lands or commit any other Act of Hostility, you are immediately to represent the Injustice of such proceeding and to require them forthwith to desist from any such unlawful undertaking; But if, notwithstanding your Requisition they should still persist, you are then to draw forth the Armed Force of the Province and to use your best Endeavours, to repel Force by Force But as it is his Majestys Determination not to be the Aggressor, I have the Kings Commands most Strictly to enjoin you not to make use of the Armed Force under your direction excepting within the undoubted Limits of his Majestys Dominions

And whereas it may be greatly conducive to his Majestys Service that all his Provinces in America should be aiding and assisting each other in Case of any Invasion, I have it particularly in Charge from his Majesty to acquaint you That it is his Royal Will and pleasure that you should keep up an Exact Correspondence with all his Majestys Governors on the Continent, and in case you shall be informed by any of them, of any Hostile Attempts you are immediately to Assemble the General Assembly within your Government and lay before them the necessity of a mutual Assistance and engage them to grant such Supplies as the Exigency of Affairs may require. I have wrote by this Conveyance to all his Majestys Governors to the same Purpose I am Sr

Your Most Obedient humble Servant  
Holderness.

Extract of a Letter from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations dated the 18th September 1753.

As we find it has been usual upon former occasions when an Interview has been held with the Indians for the Neighbouring Govern<sup>ts</sup> in Alliance with them to send Commissioners to be Join'd with those of New York, and as the present wavering disposition of the Indians equally Affects the