

L. H. J. and others Daily offering themselves; which is a point the neighbouring Governments have been labouring to carry ever since the beginning of the War, as a Matter of very great and general Concern and welfare to all his Majesty's Colonies upon the Continent; and if this Spirit, which seems throughly raised, and has been hitherto happily kept up, is cherished, and properly managed and directed, it may, by the blessing of God, prove of unspeakable Benefit for the safety of his Majesty's Colonies in North America. I refer your Honour to an Extract from Col. Stoddard's Letter to me, for a more particular account of this affair; and would observe, that Col. Johnson and M^r Lidins whose Influence on the Indians has been very Serviceable in bringing about this great event, are under such Engagements as they are not able to fulfil, without proper Supplies from these Governments; and if for want of that, the Indians should suffer any Disappointment 'tis more than probable they will be disgusted at their being left in the Lurch by us, and will fall intirely into the Interest with the french; which will be more fatal to these Colonies, than any thing that has yet befallen us. Our General Court have intrusted M^r Lidins, with this affair, and have undertaken to supply him with a Considerable sum for this Service; and he has made his Draughts for the payment thereof, which will be answered: But the parties of Indians came so fast upon him, and M^r Johnson to be fitted out for this service, that what they will Receive from this Government, will be a very inconsiderable part of what they are under Engagements for; and these Gentlemen seem to apprehend that there is great Danger of their being ruined, and the Common Cause suffer the greatest Damage that we can conceive of, unless they be releived from these Governments.

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Our new Assembly for this province are now met, and having taken these matters under Consideration, have voted 4000^l Old Tenor, to put into the Hands of Col. Stoddard, to be employed in this Service; which, together with 3000^l before remitted to him in Goods, being added to the many presents which this Government have made to those Indians since the beginning of the war, may justly be esteemed so large a proportion of the Charge necessary, in the most effectual manner, to encourage the Six Nations to prosecute this war, that if the other Governments in North America would grant proportionable Sums for the same Service, 'tis highly probable that the success of these attempts would more than answer our Expence; it being the most likely method to weaken and distress the french at present, and to make way for the Reduction of Canada, whenever it may be attempted. This I write to your Honour, at the Request of Our General Assembly (who are much Concerned to have this affair succeed) as well as from my own earnest Desire to promote a Service, in which I think his Majesty's Interest, and the safety of his Subjects in these Colonies, is so deeply concerned: And