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Told him That they would Consider of it At Onondago and then give him their Answer, so that Our Indians are It seems Almost gained by the French to their Interest and if the most Effectual and Speedy care be not taken, we must expect to have them our Enemies, as our Indians Seem to be in so wavering A Scituation, we have not thought proper to send our Interpreter up about the Murder in New England as judgeing he would meet with no Success, we hope your Excellency will Approve of our Management, herein we think it Absolutely necessary That Your Excellency should Come up here As soon as possible to meet the Six Nations, and it would be proper in our Opinion That Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Massachusetts bay be then Also present, To Endeavour to take some new Measures with the Six Nations and if it be then Thought proper, To prevail upon them To take up the Hatchet against the french If this be not done the French will Leave nothing Unessayed to make them our Enemies in which they have already made too great Progress. The french have so great a Number of Indians in their Interest, as makes our Indians fearfull to Offend them, Especially as we do not provide for their Safety and Defences. As Affairs are at Present in this Criticall posture It is Absolutely necessary that the Assembly Enable Your Excellency to make more then Ordinary presents in Order to which they Should likewise Consider that the price of Goods is greatly Advanced and that It will be necessary that the warriors be Called down Here as well as the Sachims upon this Occasion.

We hope That the Assembly will at Last resolve to raise Money for a Fort, At the Carrying Place and To keep a proper Number of Men there For outscouts to protect Our frontiers in some Measure against the Enemy If this be not done, That the Outscouts can have a Rendezvous It is impossible to keep any Parties out, so that Our Country must then Lie Exposed to the Enemy Even to the Gates of this City.

The £300 allowed Us for Outscouts is not only Expended but Considerably Exceeded.

As soon as your Excellency resolves to Come Up here It will be necessary that we are Acquainted therewith, That we may send up the Interpreter to Call down the Indians to meet Your Excellency here At the day Appointed.

We Think it both necessary and just That the Provinces of Virginia Maryland and Pensilvania should likewise send Deputies here with Presents to Attend At this meeting ffor this Affair Concernes All the Provinces in an Especial manner.

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[G. Clinton, New York, to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Bladen, Esqr.]

Sir By the Copys of the Letter from the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany, and their Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Instant