

ions in America: I have the King's 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 Majesty's Dominions within your Government; and to direct you, in the King's Name, that in Case the Subjects of any foreign Prince or State should presume to make any Incroachment on the Limits of his Majesty's Dominions, or to erect Forts on his Majesty's Lands, or commit any other Act of Hostility, you are immediately to represent the Injustice of such Proceedings, 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 Majesty's Determination not to be the Aggressor, I have the King's Commands most strictly to enjoin you not to make Use of the armed Force, under your Direction, excepting within the undoubted Limits of his Majesty's Dominions. And whereas it may be greatly conducive to his Majesty's 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 Majesty's 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 Majesty's Governors to the same Purpose.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant,
Holderness.

In Pursuance of the Resolve of the House, the Bill intituled, An Act for his Majesty's Service, is entered, viz.

“An Act for his Majesty's Service.

“Whereas the Right Honourable the Lords of Trade and Plantations, by a Letter dated Whitehall, September 18, 1753, directed to the late Governor of this Province, intimating that his Majesty had been pleased to order a Sum of Money to be issued for Presents to the Six Nations of Indians, and to direct his Governor of New-York to hold an Interview with them, for delivering those Presents, for burying the Hatchet, and renewing the Covenant Chain with them, and recommending to the Governor of this Province, as well as the other Governors of these Colonies, to join in such Interview, and make suitable Presents for renewing the Covenant Chain with

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