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selves on this occasion as well as the most Zealous of them and that you will Chearfully Exert your utmost Endeavours to render those Enterprizes Successfull that are undertaken for our Common Safety and in the Event of which we are so nearly interested: I need not observe to you that our Circumstances and Prospect are much altered since last Spring you are all too well Acquainted with the Issue of the Expedition in which the Troops that His Majesty had been Graciously Pleased to Order from Europe to our Assistance
p. 50 and some of the Provincial Forces were then Engaged and the Consequences thereof to these Southern Colonies most of the Delaware and Shawanese Tribes who were then Esteemed our Friends the French by their Artifices have now withdrawn them from their Attachment to His Majestys Subjects, and Instigated them to make the Frontier Inhabitants feel and Experience the Calamities of an Indian War, with Impunity have these Blood thirsty Savages laid Great part of three Provinces desolate Flushed with Victory they bid us defiance and Insolently threaten that their Cruel Rage will not be Satisfied with less then our Exterpation, but decline to Enlarge on this Topick lest I should seem to Suspect that your Resentment is not already Sufficiently Raised by the Conduct of these Barbarians or that you Continue Indifferent Spectators of their Transactions that such a Suspicion would be Groundless and most unjust I am Confident and flatter myself that you will let nothing at this time divert you from providing against their Incursions for the future and for the Services that I have now Recommended to your consideration

Gentlemen

As the Reasons that Induced you at your last meeting to make an Act for Preventing Warlike Stores and Provisions being Carried from this Province to our Enemies Still Subsist you will I doubt not think proper to Revive it lest any ill disposed Persons should have taken Advantage of that Acts Expiring before I could give you an Opportunity of Continuing it I ordered the Naval Officers to take of such Persons as should Export Provisions or Warlike Stores Security for their being Landed at some Port or Place within His Majestys Dominions as was directed by that Law, and as is done in all the Neighbouring Colonies as this Step was Expedient and necessary I hope it will meet with your approbation I beg leave to mention once more the insufficiency of our Laws to oblige the Service of any one in defence of their Country Hoping that you will take the same under your consideration that as our Safety at this Season must in a great Measure depend on the Militia's being well Armed, disciplined and under proper Regulations that you will Supply the defects of the Militia Laws at present in Force with such an Act as the Situation of affairs at this Juncture calls for and requires