

may be sufficiently informed by the President Mr. Blakiston, and the several  
 books and Papers sent from this Place, what Proposals have been made to  
 your Colony and the rest of Our Neighbours toward the Defence of Albany  
 which is the frontier Garrison of all the English Plantations on the main of  
 America, which if lost, We must lose Our Indians, the ill consequence  
 whereof will be equally shared amongst us all, and do making thinking Men  
 to dread the loose State and Condition of Government amongst our Neigh-  
 bours hath retarded their motion towards Our Aid to reinforce that Post,  
 so that the whole Burthen hath lain upon this poor Province which,  
 indeed is intolerable, Our Indians have been very unsteady, and now  
 We are forced to a great Charge of Presents to preserve them in Amity;  
 Our Neighbours in Virginia did send us Bills for about One hundred  
 pounds to be given to the Indians, to tie the Knott of Friendship on  
 their behalf, and this is all that ever yet We have received from any  
 of Our Neighbours of any Sort of Assistance, tho' this Government  
 since Governor Slaughters Arrival are at above 700. Charge in Presents,  
 besides the great Expence in maintaining that Garrison, We have had  
 300 Fusileers all this Winter at Albany in pay who are to be discharged  
 in May next, by the Blessing of God it is still preserved, but in such  
 a fainting and languishing Condition that all the Inhabitants are  
 ready to retire to the Sea side, Trade being extinguished, and daily  
 Alarms from the Enemy, We have been forced to make an Order &  
 Proclamation to prohibit any Manner of Persons able to bear Arms  
 to withdraw from thence without passes, which the Enemy would  
 rejoyce to hear of, the City of Albany and Plantations next the River  
 have been lately much damaged by a flood of Rain, so that now We  
 are obliged to supply them with Bread, We have already and now  
 again are resolved in all humility to represent our Condition to their  
 Sacred Majesties also with Relation to Our Neighbours on behalf  
 of that Garrison, and beg your Endeavours in like manner: We have  
 received fresh hopes of Assistance from your Colony by your happy  
 arrival