

to improve that good Acquaintance and Friendship
that hath hitherto been betwixt myself and them since I
have been an Inhabitant here. I am

Sir

Your Excellency's most Obedged &
most Obedient humble Servant

John Bradford

P.S.

Sir

The great duty on fur and Skins here is the
Reason why Trade with the Indians cannot longer be main-
tain'd and that Trade is not only lost but in a great
manner our Acquaintance with it therefore if the Lord Pro-
spector of the Country would purchase Indian Goods to the
Value of 200^l Sterling first lost and place the same with
some Careful honest man for Sale it would be a great
means to keep Friends with the Indians without Charge
(if the Returns did no more than keep up the first Stock)
and Bar the French and Americans from trading here, who
have been the Occasion of this Unreason, and perhaps may
create much more, I hope your Excellency's Goodness will
pardon this freedom having no other design but his Lord-
ship's Interest and Safety of his Tenants

Sir Yours as above

J. B.

At a Council held at the House of Mr
Hugh Kennedy in Urinapolis April the 7 1722

Present

The honorable Charles Culbert Esq Governor,