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of Offices held under Y^r Ld^rs Govern^t. specifying the yearly
value of each as near as can be learnt. I also take the
Liberty to inclose your Ld^r a Plan that was proposed by
the several Comm^{rs} from the neighbouring Colonies at Albany
lately for forwarding a Union between the several Govern^{ts}
in order the more easily to defend his Majesty's American
Dominions against the French or any other hostile forces;
which Scheme is to be laid before the Legislature of the
several Provinces at their next Meeting for their Amendment
or Approbation; but it has been intimated to me that the
Gov^r of New York has already without tarrying for the Opinion
of Assemblies transmitted a Copy thereof to the Board of Trade
for their Honours Consideration. Our Commissioners are
just returned & inform us that the Indians who met them at
Albany to the number of about 300 returned well satisfied
with the Presents & Treatment they had received from the
several Comm^{rs} & before their Departure after their Receipt
of the Presents they took the Opportunity of a publick
Entertainment to express their Acknowledgments to Y^r Ld^r
& this Province & desired your Ld^r would deign to accept
from them the inclosed Belt of Wampum in token of their
Affection & Love - In my Letter to Y^r Ld^rs Sec^y dated
the 3^d of May I took notice that the French had about a
week before that time made themselves Masters of a small
Fort which the Virginians had erected on a Branch of
the River Ohio, after which Accident they that retreated