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him that these Indians make strong professions of Friendship, but  
will not take up the Hatchet against the French, or join any of the  
English Troops till we have built a strong Fort among them for  
the Protection & Security of their Wives & Children; in this Governor  
Dinwiddie has promised to gratify them & sent a Command of 60  
Men to build such a Fort. The French it seems have made a  
Settlement within a few Days March of their Town & been tampering  
with them to declare ag<sup>t</sup> us; I hope this Step however will prevent that  
for the present; tho' unless His Majesty's Arms are successful this Campaign  
I am afraid these people will not be long kept firm in our Interest.  
We have for some time past been in pain for Oswego which the French  
it was said were preparing to attack before the Garrison could be rein-  
forced or receive fresh Supplies of Provisions, of which they were in want,  
but as we have not received any late News from that Quarter I hope  
the Danger is over for the present; I hear that the Regiments are now  
on their March thither. Lord Loudon we are told is coming over  
with some more Regiments, their speedy Arrival is prayed for by all  
His Majesty's American Subjects. &c.

Copy of a Let<sup>r</sup> to Lord Baltimore dated the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1706  
My Ld  
Enclosed is a Duplicate of the last Letter that I took the Liberty  
to address to your Ldp<sup>y</sup> since the writing of which I have been honoured  
with your Lordship's Instructions dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of Octob<sup>r</sup> to which I hope  
your Ldp<sup>y</sup> will be persuaded that due Obedience shall be paid & that  
no Persons of a different Religion from that by Law established shall  
be encouraged, or ever escape with Impunity when they forget to behave  
as becomes good & loyal Subjects. I had anticipated your Ldp<sup>y</sup>'s Command  
to send Circular Lett<sup>rs</sup> to the Magistrates to enquire into the Roman  
Catholics Lives & Conduct & upon the Report of all the Magistrates  
I can assure your Ldp<sup>y</sup> that none of them have lately given just Cause  
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