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Enemies. As often as they have been convened, urged & intreated  
to aid each other in defending his Majesty's Territories & their  
own Properties so often almost have they as it were unanimously  
refused to provide against the Dangers that threaten them, or  
endeavoured to cast an Odium on their respective Govern<sup>rs</sup>  
by laying them under a necessity of rejecting such Bills as  
were presented them with the specious Titles of Acts for  
His Majesty's Service & the better Defence & Security of the  
British Colonies. The Province of Massachusetts may indeed  
have shown a Disposition to exert themselves by repelling  
some Depredations & Invasions that they were threatened with,  
& really I have such an Opinion of their Power & Spirit as to  
think they will sufficiently secure their own Frontiers, but  
can we with any face expect them to succour us whom they  
esteem little inferiour to themselves while they see us in a State  
of almost total Inactivity or Supineness. It will be vain to  
imagine for us to sollicite New Hampshire a weak & young  
Colony for Assistance; & from the Character of Rhode Island  
Government I see no great Prospect of being assisted from  
that Quarter: however to these will I address myself as well  
as to the Governor of Connecticut whomever hopes to entertain  
of succeeding in my Applications. The Govern<sup>t</sup> of New York  
has sent Mr Denardie about £3000 Sterg. which is as much  
as we must expect from that Province, itself exposed & open more  
than any of us to the Incurions & Devastations of the French  
& their Indian Allies who may at any time, in a Day or two  
march into the heart of that Country. The Jerseys have for  
their part been so far from concerning with or approving of