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to you for endeavouring to get me Intelligence of the
Number of the Enemy at Venango & their Fort on Buffalo
River, of the Situation & Strength of which I have in
vain endeavoured to get a particular Description. I
should be also glad to learn whether there was any Road
yet opened from the Back-Settlements in Pennsylvania
to either of these Places & whether it would be impracti-
cable to convey Provisions thither from your Province
either in Summer or in the winter Season. I am &c

To Governor Belcher. Nov. 5.

I take the Liberty to acquaint you that His Majesty
hoping His good & loyal American Subjects will exert
themselves unanimously to repel the Encroachments that
the French are & have been making on his Dominions in
this part of the Continent has been pleased to honour
me with a Commission to command all the Forces that
the several Colonies may raise for that purpose, & to intreat
you to endeavour to procure us such Supplies either of
Men or Money from the Assembly of your Province as the
Exigency of Affairs do at this time demand. It would be
amper-suaded impertinent in me to insist on or even
hint at the fatal Consequences that must attend our
conniving at the Encroachments that the French have
lately made on His Majestys Territories, or suffering them
to remain Masters of the Forts which they have built &
garrisoned on the Frontiers of these Provinces. of this you