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May the 15th 1692 Mett in the Council Chamber

Present as before Yesterday except Col. Jencks Coll Greenberry
and Captain Addison gone to the Committee of Laws.

The foregoing Message designed for the house Yesterday is now sent down by Col.
Brown and Mr. Lench. —

Produced and read a Letter from the Governor and Council of New York Viz.

May it please Your Excellency

This comes to Congratulate your safe arrivall and happy Reception to the Govern-
ment of Maryland, We are heartily glad of so good a Neighbour as you are Characterized to
be, by all the Gentlemen of your acquaintances in this Province; We pray you to be so
kind as to Maintain a frequent Correspondence with us by all Occasions, You may be
Sufficiently informed by the President Mr. Blackiston, and the several Books & papers
Sent from this Place; what proposals have been made with your Colony and the rest
of our Neighbours towards the Defence of Albany, which is the Frontier Garrison of
all the English Plantations on the main of America, which if lost we must lose our
Indians, the ill Consequences whereof will be equally shared amongst us all, and do
make thinking Men to dread, the loose Estate and Condition of Government amongst
our Neighbours hath retarded their Motion towards our Aid to reinforce that Post
so that the whole Burthen hath lay upon this poor Province, which indeed is
intollerable, our Indians have been very unsteady, and now we are forced to a great
Charge of presents to preserve them in Amity; our Neighbours in Virginia dis-
send us Bills for above one hundred pounds to be given to the Indians; to tie the
knot of friendship on their behalf, and this is all that we have yet received from any
of our Neighbours of any sort of Assistance; tho' this Government, since Governour
Moughters arrivall, are to above seven hundred pounds Charge in presents, beside the
great Expence in Maintaining that Garrison; We have had 300 Souldiers all this Winter
at Albany in pay, who are to be discharged in May next, by the Blessing of God it is still
preserved, but in such fainting and languishing Condition that all the Inhabitants
are ready to retire to the Sea side, Trade being relinquished and daily Alarms from the
Enemies, We have been forced to make an Order and Proclamation to prohibit any
manner of Persons able to bear Arms to withdraw from thence without a Pass, which
the Enemy would rejoice to hear of, the City of Albany and Plantations next the River
have been lately much Diminifed by a flood of Rain; so that now were We obliged to
Supply them with Bread, We have already and now again we are Resolved in all
humility to represent our Condition to their Sacred Majestys also with relation to
our Neighbours on behalf of that Garrison, and be your endeavours in like manner
We have received fresh hope of Assistance from your Colony by your happy arrivall
to settle Governour there, therefore reckon it our Duty in time to acquaint you
therewith, to give Your Excellency the opportunity of hearing the Powers that
have Confirmed upon you, in a Service which so much concerns the Honour
of the Crown as well as the Safety of your Colony and other your Neighbours
We believe you will willingly embrace; Our Assembly are now raising 200 Souldiers
to reinforce that Garrison and there will be 300 more wanting. We