

with more expected together with the ill News lately received from  
 Pennsylvania of our Friends the Mochokes being routed & put to  
 flight by the French and Iroquois Indians with their designs to  
 attempt Albany and make Incursions upon these Parts hath  
 much consternated us and put <sup>me</sup> upon the measures of Consulting  
 the Councill what methods to be taken in so great and <sup>an</sup> emergency the  
 Result whereof at Present is forthwith to erect and build severall  
 Posts along the Frontiers in the most convenient Places and  
 at such equal distances as may be most proper for a continual In-  
 tercourse and communication one with another & consequently the  
 better discovery of any Invaders we have also designed the securing  
 by some means a certain french man seen among the Indians  
 and by some evidences and other circumstances known or strong-  
 ly suspected to be one Mons<sup>r</sup> Casteene and those Indians northern  
 Indians of Pennobscott that lately did the mischief to the Eastward  
 of Boston this is what at present we have concluded on if any thing  
 else materiall shall hereafter happen shall take care to advise you  
 if any thing of moment present with your Excellency please to  
 impart the same to

for  
 please to give my humble  
 Service to your Lady & accept  
 the same your self with my hearty  
 good wishes & Orisons for the health  
 wealth & Prosperity of you both and  
 all your good Family I am as above

Your Exc<sup>l</sup> most Obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
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To his Excellency Benj<sup>a</sup> Fletcher  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain Generall & Chief  
 Governour of their Majestys  
 Territory of New York  
 Present

St Marys City March 10 1692

That I have not <sup>sooner</sup> answered your Excellency of the 10