

with the news of a party of French & Indians consisting of 350 French and 200 Indians come over the Lakes by the Ice they have attacked the two nearest Castles of the Maguacs & by our last advice were possessed of them. This day last his Excellency with a detachment of 150 out of the City Regiment besides Officers & Volunteers did Embark Yesterday 3 a Clock afternoon & Detachments from the next adjacent Counties follow to day, we are of opinion that this design is to force a peace with our Indians how pernicious this may be to your Province as well as ours & their Majestys Interest in Generall Your Exc<sup>cy</sup> knows.

We thought good to give your Excellency timely notice thereof, that your Excellency may consider to do what you conceive your duty on such occasion, the charge of this present Expedition cannot as yet be computed but must certainly be greater than this small Province can well afford, we hope if you cannot at present supply us with men at your distance you will be ready to contribute to the charge. We are

Your Excellency's affect friends & Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
for their Majestys Service  
Frederick Philips

To Lionel Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> Ch<sup>r</sup> Brooke  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Gov<sup>r</sup> in C<sup>h</sup> Munnell S<sup>r</sup> V<sup>l</sup> Cortland  
chief of Maryl<sup>d</sup> Th<sup>l</sup> 56

S<sup>r</sup> Fort W<sup>m</sup> Henry the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1692

This comes to give your Excellency an acco<sup>t</sup> of the small victory over that party of French and Indians that lately invaded our Maguacs Country, they had taken & destroyed the three Maguacs Castles most of their Men & all their Women & Children. Prisoners we our forces could come up for their relief

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of February the Alarm was given at Albany