

first supposed or suspected to be one Mons Gasteene the grand
 Enemy of the English & one that hath committed much Spoil
 but since upon better inquiry & examination we find our mis-
 take and him another person named Martin Shortive & the
 Indians declare themselves a nation called Habbernowles come
 from the Southward formerly fled from the Turittawes but how
 far to be credited we cannot yet resolve however it is at present
 concluded to let them sit quiet & treat them civilly untill our
 Assembly & then leave the whole matter to the more strict Exa-
 mination & inquisition of that Body of the Province having
 appointed the Indians to attend at that time in order to a further
 treaty & Entering into a League with them if it shall then
 appear that they are Friends & come in the way of peace of w^{ch}
 we shall also duly advise your Excellency in the mean time
 & upon all occasions we are

Your Excellency's affectionate Friends
 & Servants

To his Excellency Berys
 Fletcher Capt General &
 chief Governor of their
 Majestys Territory of New
 York
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Sir Maryland April 11 1693

Your Excellency has we understand been already infor-
 med by our Governor of some strange Indians coming & sea-
 ting among us at the head of the Bay & that there was with
 them a French man supposed or suspected to be one Mons
 Gasteene a grand Villain & Enemy to our Nation we have
 since & this very day had him & some of the great men of the
 Indians before us under Examination & the French man
 we find not to be the man expected the Indians declare
 themselves a sort of people or Nation called the Habbernowles
 formerly driven away by another Nation to the Westward