

St. John William Henry the 3. April 1693

This comes to advise your Excellency of my receipt of her Majestys Directions unto me as Capt Gen & Gov^r of Pennsylvania & Newcastle &c^o to give assistance to the Province of New York come by the way of Boston with the Inclosed whereof I send you a copy our Ships wherein I understand the Letters Patents for that Government are not yet arrived. I have likewise directions from the right honorable the Lords of the Treasury for supplying the Commissions of the Squadron of Ships commanded by Sir Francis Wheeler & Land forces Commanded by Coll^o Foulkes in the West Indies which I hope by this time are in action, this is all our news

Mr. Trelut arriving yesterday gave me your Exc^l Letter for which I return thanks. I hope you have rec^d my last by Mr. Pope giving the news of the defeat of that party of French & Indians that had invaded our Mohawks Country. I thought fit to give you a short acc^t of what I observe of our Indians of the Five Nations as now circumstanced they are Witnesses to the Devolutions of many Out Turns in our Frontiers to the small Number of Forces we have upon our Frontiers which brings an insupportable charge upon this small Province & all the encouragement they have to continue the war with the French from us which is small to them the great from us they are daily invited & allured by the French and those praying Indians they have already debauched to come over to their side in their Conference with me after their return from pursuit of the Enemy they did magnify the strength of Cananda & commend their Liberality to their Indians saying the Gov^r of Cananda gives his Indians Guns & Ammunition. I did endeavour to give them satisfaction & promised to see them again this Summer my self coming with the Forces I thought for their relief had a great Influence upon them & they were seemingly consented