

I have their Majestys Directions to maintain the
 present Alliance with them which can never be Effectually
 Done notwithstanding their Convenience of having the
 English to friend unless we make some greater show of
 Action & there be a Greater force upon our & their frontiers
 to retrieve Conestogonina (a place beyond Schenecti-
 da near Fort Linc. Lake and our old farms & Fortifications
 make large presents & build a Stone fort at Albany to
 being furnished with such Ordnance as I brought over
 will make our Indians true and steadfast & protect us all
 from Canada when I shall meet the Indians I will take
 care to enjoin them that they neither do nor suffer any
 Damage to be done to their Majestys Subjects of Maryland

Our Assembly are now sitting & have signified their
 their good Affection to their Majestys by giving 6000^l for
 the Year ensuing to reinforce Albany & the Frontiers
 but we are of opinion it is almost impossible for the peo-
 ple to pay it our Youth run into Connecticut & the Jerseys to
 avoid the duty so that we are hard put to it to find 200 Men
 to receive those that are to be discharged May next I have
 wrote to Mr. Phipps for 200 Men which may be well
 shared out of Connecticut & the nearest parts

If your Excellency do consider with the ^{Council and} Assembly & assist
 us with money at your distance for those uses it will be
 more convenient for you at Present I do presume by this
 time your Excellency has received her Majestys Directi-
 ons for our Assistance. I am

Your Exc^{ts} most humble Serv^t
 Ben. Fletcher

(At the same time also was produced & read this foll^o
 Copy of a Letter from the Queen to the Gov^r of Pennsylvania
 this is mentioned in the foregoing viz

Mary R