

Trusty and well Beloved we greet you well Whereas
 it hath been represented unto us in Council in Behalf
 of our Province of New York in America that the same
 having been at great expence for the preservation and
 defence of Albany its Frontiers against the French by
 the Loss of which Province the Inhabitants of Maryland
 & Virginia would not be able to Live but in Garrison &
 having hitherto preserved that Part the burden where
 by is now intolerable to the Inhabitants there we think
 it reasonable & necessary that our several Colonies &
 Provinces of New England Virginia Maryland & Pen
 sylvania should be aiding & assisting from time to time
 to the Gov^r or Commander in chief of our said Province
 of New York in the maintenance & defence of it during
 the present war & accordingly our Will & pleasure is
 that upon the application of the said Gov^r or Comman
 der in chief you do immediately send him such aid or assis
 tance in men or otherwise for the security of our said Province
 from the attempts of the French or Indians as the condi
 tions of the plantations under your Governments shall per
 mit & our further pleasure is that as soon as conveniently
 may be you agree with the Governors of New England Virgi
 nia & Maryland unto whom we have sent the like Direc
 tions upon a Quota of Men or other assistance to be given
 by each Colony or Province for the defence of New York as
 Occasion may require the same & that you return a spee
 dy Acc^t of your proceedings herein to the end such further
 Directions may be given as shall be necessary for securing
 the Fort of Albany & the Province of New York from the
 attempts of our Enemies in those parts And so we bid you
 farewell Given at our Court at Whitehall the 11 day of Oct^r
 1692. In the fourth Year of our Reign

To our Trusty & well Beloved
 By her Majestys Command
 Beloved Henry Fletcher Esq^r Nottingham