Gentlemen

We are extremely sorry to find that after our having rejected two Bills, for the objections we then made to them, you should send us a third, so very little differing from them that we think ourselves obliged not to pass it. But in order to convince every unprejudiced mind, & to demonstrate our strong inclination to do every thing in our power for the service of our most gracious King & the defence & preservation of the Western frontiers of this Province at this time attacked & in such eminent danger from our enemies the French & barbarous Indians, whose inhuman cruelties already practiced on our fellow subjects must raise horror in every breast not utterly void of all sentiments of compassion; We declare to you that notwithstanding what has past between the two Houses on the occasion of those Bills, We are willing at this critical Juncture towards all unnecessary formalities, & punctilios in the mode of our proceedings & if you think that a free Conference on the subject matter of the Bill may be a ready means to produce so desireable an end as we would fain hope is aimed at by us all, or if you can propose any other more eligible method to remove the objections which we have to the passing of this Bill, we shall readily concur with you, & endeavour to make such amendments thereto as are necessary for the purposes intended by it.

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