Sir 7 Whitehall August 20th 1753

His Majesty having received Information, of the March, of a Considerable Number of Indians, set in Alliance with the French, supported by some regular European Troops, intending as it is apprehended, to commit some Hostilities, on Parts of his Majesties Dominions in America; I have the Kings Commands to send you this Intelligence, and to direct you to use your utmost Diligence, to learn how far the same may be well grounded, and to put you upon your Guard, that you may, at all Events, be in a Condition to resist any hostile Attempts that may be made upon any Parts of his Majesties Dominions, within your Government and to direct you in the Kings Name, that, in Case the Subjects of any Foreign Prince or State, should presume to make any Incroachment, on the Limits of his Majesties Dominions, or to erect Fortes on his Majesties Lands, or commit any other Act of Hostility, you are immediately to represent the Injustice of such Proceedings and to require them forthwith to desist from any such unlawfull undertaking; But if, notwithstanding your Requisition, they should still persist, You are then to draw forth the armed Force of the Province, and to use your best Endeavours, to repel Force by Force; But as it is his Majesties Determination not to be the Aggressor, I have

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