Albany y.d 12.th August 1745.

May It please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies Letter of the 31.st July with a Paragraph of Governour Shirleys Letter there inclosed and have Considered of the Same, When We rec.d your Excellencies Letter we had Already sent two Indians, to the Northward to Enquire who were the Authors of this Murder, and they brought Us An Authentick Account that it was Committed by Some of the Orondac We have formerly mentioned to Your Excellency and We daily Expected Some Mohawk Indians from Canada and resolved to Waite their Arrivall before we Sent our Interpreter to the Six Nations about the Said Murder Committed in New England, The Mohawks returned Last Friday, and we Examined them Concerning what passed between the Indians of the Six Nations and the French Governour, when they Informed Us of Sundry particulars the Minutes whereof of the 9.th Instant We Send here inclosed, but they Were Either afraid or Ashamed to Tell us the Truth. Since which Our Interpreter has Sounded A Trusty Man of the Mohawks in Private Who Informed him of What, we believe has Actually past at Canada, the Contents of which is Contained in the Inclosed Minutes of this date. Your Excellency will thereby perceive that the Canada Indians have all taken Up the Hatchet against the English, So that there is now an End of the Neutrality with the Indians and we must expect to be Attacked by them As soon As they Conveniently Can, but what is Still worse is That the French Governour is about Setting our Indians against Us which it Seems he has Made y.e Chief point At this Meeting and has Actually offered them the Hatchet against Us which they have not Refused but Told him That they would Consider of it At Onondago and then give him their Answer, So that our Indians are It Seems Almost gained by the French to their Interest and if the most Effectual and Speedy care be Not taken, We must Expect to have them our Enemies as our Indians. Seem to be in So Wavering A Situation, We

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