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Sir, New York 24 Augt. 1745

By the Copys of the Letter from the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany and their Minutes of the 9th and 12th Instant herewith inclosed You will Judge what a Wavering and fickle Disposition the United Nations of Indians in League with the Respective British Colonies on the Continent, are at length brought to, Though the Indefatigable Industry and delusive Artifices and Intriques of the French, And will thence Conclude how much it imports those Respective Governments to unite their Force and Councils, in order to defeat their Destructive Schemes.

The French of Canada, from the late success of the British Arms in the Conquest of the Island of Breton, no doubt are become Apprehensive, that we have Views of penetrating farther into their Country (and hope the Case may be) And Makeing them Still more Sensible of British Resentement: As no Acquisition would be of Such Infinite advantage to these Colonies, It must therefore be a Matter we have almost Warmly at Heart, And the French most Terrible fear of. It behoves them thereof to Exert their profoundest Policies and Craft in pursuing at all Adventures, Such Measures as may be most likely to frustrate any Such Attempts, and divert that Torrent which they may imagine Seems Ready to overwhelm them. And as a Main Expedient to ward off the Impending Danger, It seems probable the French have made the Strongest Efforts to Induce our Indians to a Revolt, And indeed they Seem to have made but too great Condescention towards it, by Accepting from

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