

the two Crowns, by the last alliance, if this fortification goes on I shall find myself obliged to represent it to my Court. to the end that y<sup>e</sup> Court of France being well informed of this affair may give their orders thereupon. as I have heard say, they have already ~~done~~ given to understand that they blame not Vaudruil for the share he has had in y<sup>e</sup> War ~~with~~ of Eastern Indians against New England.

His Excellency expected their answer, but their new Governour being come ~~soonest~~ they had no time to write that was all what had pass'd between his E<sup>t</sup>. & y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> of Canada; then the 15 article of y<sup>e</sup> Treaty of Utrecht was interpreted ~~unto~~ them. which follow'd in these words: That the subjects of France inhabiting Canada shall hereafter give no hindrance or molestation to the five Nations or Cantons of Indians, Subject to the Dominion of Great Britain, nor to the other Native of America who are friends to the same in like manner the Subjects of great Britain shall behave themselves peaceably towards the American, who are subjects or friends to France. and on both sides they shall enjoy full Liberty on account of trade as also the Natives of those Countries shall with the same Liberty Resort, as they please to the British or French Colonies for promoting trade on the one side or the other, without any Molestation or hindrance either on the part of the British Subjects or of the French. but it to be exactly and distinctly settled by Commissioners who are and who ought to be accounted the subjects & friends of Britain or of France

His Excellency told them <sup>that</sup> now the <sup>but</sup> question <sup>was</sup> if the building at Niagara <sup>was</sup> not prejudicial to <sup>them</sup> <sup>you</sup>

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<sup>new</sup> to go hunting and <sup>to</sup> the far <sup>inward</sup> coming hither on acct. of Trade, if <sup>they</sup> say that if it <sup>is</sup> hindrance to <sup>them</sup> to go hunting or the far Indians coming to <sup>them</sup> his Excellency has <sup>nothing</sup> to say - and the french have done well but if <sup>they</sup> find it prejudicial and Complain of it to his E<sup>t</sup>. he offers to Represent it to his Majesty and <sup>that</sup> <sup>they</sup> <sup>might</sup> say what <sup>they</sup> <sup>find</sup> best for <sup>them</sup>

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You have asked us severall questions, which we have answered and you have acquainted us with what now you know; and now you ask if we approve of y<sup>e</sup> building at Niagara. We do. not only Complain against y<sup>e</sup> proceedings of y<sup>e</sup> french fortifying Niagara on our Land contrary to our Inclination <sup>without our</sup> Consent taken us up from our Chief hunting places. ~~wherefore~~ but we also ~~we~~ humbly begg & Desire that your E<sup>t</sup>. will be pleas'd to write to his Majesty King George that <sup>he</sup> may have Compassion on us ~~to~~ write to the King of France to order his Governour of Canada to Remove the building at the Niagara for we think it very prejudicial to us all

His Excellency said that what is now said he expects shall be Reported in publick that all may be done openly & publickly that every body may know what pass'd between them