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That his Ex<sup>ty</sup> has sent a letter to y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> of Canada by Philip Livingston, which follows in these words

Sir

Amboy 5 July 1726

I have heard a Report from persons who have been among the five Nations that there are one hundred french at Niagara who were beginning to build a fort there with a design to shut up y<sup>e</sup> five Nations and to hinder the other Indians to pass freely to trade with us, as they are wont to do. I thought myself obliged to signify to you how much I am surpris'd at such an undertaking so contrary to the treaty of peace made at Utrecht wherein it is stipulated that y<sup>e</sup> five Nations should remain to y<sup>e</sup> English and y<sup>e</sup> french should not in any way molest them, and that all y<sup>e</sup> Indians in America should enjoy the liberty to frequent each of y<sup>e</sup> two Nations on account of trade without any hindrance. I believe also that y<sup>e</sup> five Nations will always maintain that the Land at Niagara belongs to them, and that y<sup>e</sup> french have never in time of Mr De la Sale nor since undertaken to do anything in that place without Consent of y<sup>e</sup> Indians, and since the french have by the last peace yielded the five Nations to us, it follows from thence that they have no more pretension on the Land of those Nations. I hope Sir after you shall have seriously considered what I have y<sup>e</sup> honour to represent you, that you will take care that nothing be done contrary to the treaties, and the perfect union which is at present established between the