

Brethren I find by your answer to the gentlemen from Boston that you do not now deny your promises, but only you say you wait for the King of Great Brittain's Orders in answer to your Betts, Now this is not a just pretence, for the King has given his Gov<sup>rs</sup> here power to make War w<sup>th</sup> Ind<sup>ns</sup> without first acquainting him, and you cannot believe he can be pleas'd that you suffer the Eastern Ind<sup>ns</sup> to Continue their Mischief to New England under pretence of waiting for his Orders to make War, because he is often abroad out of England, and so cannot give an answer to you soon enough, and in the mean time all the mischief may be over, and your assistance be of no use, so that I think you are oblig'd by your promises to the Governmt. of Boston to make War immediately against the Eastern Ind<sup>ns</sup>, since they have not accepted your Messages to incline them to Peace, and now I expect you will give a positive answer to the gentlemen from Boston in pursuance to your repeated promises, since that you do not now deny them, and are convinc'd that the Excuse you made before me in a private Conference was all false, so that you know very well that you have promis'd that if the Eastern Ind<sup>ns</sup> did not accept your last Message, you would take up the Hatchet, and you ought now to stand to this as what you are  
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Bound to do, and to make a favourable answer thereupon to the gentlemen from Boston

But if you will be so unworthy and so cowardly as to avoid going to war w<sup>th</sup> your whole Nations, as you ought to do. You cannot do less than permit your young men to list themselves as Soldiers under the Governmt. of Boston, for this is a Custom in Europe, and the french know it well, that when they were at War with the English, they have gone to a people who were at peace w<sup>th</sup> the English, and have had leave to list Soldiers from that Nation, and this was not thought any breach of the peace between the English and that Nation, which was Neutral in the War, and if some of these Soldiers were kill'd in the War, it was not look'd upon as the Concern of that Nation, but only a private Loss to their own hundred

So that if the Governmt. of Boston can persuade any of your young men to list under them, this does by no means engage you in the War, but these young men <sup>will</sup> list only on their own private Account.

I now give you a very large present & I have taken care to give you the best powder that can be bought & I must warn you not to put above half so much in your Guns as of common powder for it will break your Guns if you do, & a little will serve to shoot w<sup>th</sup>al, & now I take my leave of you wishing you all a good Journey home & good health I'll see you again.