

in case of Need, you may assist each other; and thereby, we hope, you will be enabled to baffle the Designs of the Enemy.

13th. We do direct, That not only a continual Correspondence be kept between you and *Moose Fort*, but that you correspond with the Factory at *Slude River*,

*York Fort*, and *Prince of Wales's Fort*, as often as you can; and, if, under any Apprehensions of an Attack, to give immediate Notice to *Moose Fort*.

15th. We still recommend your Diligence in getting Intelligence and Information of the Designs of the *French*.

Mr. *Joseph Isbister* and Council at *Albany Fort*,

London, 30th April 1746.

GENTLEMEN,

—4th. The War still continuing with *France* and *Spain*, we strictly order you to be always on your Guard, and to keep a good Watch, and your Men near Home: but not to hinder a proper Number being employed, in providing a sufficient Quantity of the Country Provisions: And we recommend Sobriety, that you may be capable of making a vigorous Defence, if attacked.

5th. We observe you have cut down the Brushes and Trees round the Factory: We do direct, That you keep the same clear, and hinder them and the Grass from growing up again.

6th. We do still direct, That you continue to exer-

cise your Men, agreeable to the 8th Paragraph of our Letter of the 10th May 1744.

7th. We confirm and renew our former Orders, That you fire point-blank upon any Ship, Sloop, or Vessel, that shall come near the Factory; unless they make the true Signal, and answer yours.

9th. We again recommend your keeping a general Correspondence, not only with *Moose Fort*, but also with *York Fort*, and *Prince of Wales's Fort*, as often as you can.

10th. We must still repeat to you, to be diligent in getting Intelligence and Information of the Designs of the *French*.

Mr. *Joseph Isbister* and Council at *Albany Fort*,

London, 6th May 1747.

GENTLEMEN,

—4th. War still continuing with *France* and *Spain*, we again strictly order you to be always on your Guard, and to keep a good Watch, and your Men near Home; but not to hinder a proper Number being employed in providing a sufficient Quantity of the Country Provisions (for we are much dissatisfied, that your Dependence is wholly upon the Indians for supplying you therewith): And we recommend Sobriety, that you may be capable of making a vigorous Defence, if attacked.

5th. We again direct, That you do, at all proper Times and Seasons, continue to keep the Land, of a sufficient Distance round the Factory, clear from every thing that can shelter or conceal an Enemy; to prevent being surpris'd.

6th. We renew our former Orders, That you continue to exercise your Men, at all Opportunities, in the best manner you can; agreeable to the 8th Paragraph of ours of 10th May 1744.

7th. We again order, That you fire point-blank upon any Ship, Sloop, or Vessel, that shall come near the Factory; unless they make the true Signal, and answer yours.

9th. We still recommend your keeping a general Correspondence with all our Factories, as often as possible.

10th. We again direct, That you continue diligent in getting Intelligence of the Designs of the *French*.

Mr. *Robert Pilgrim* and Council at *Prince of Wales's Fort*,

London, 6th May 1747.

GENTLEMEN,

—3d. War still continuing with *France* and *Spain*, we renew our former Order, of being always on your Guard, and to keep a good Watch, and your Men near Home, except those that are guarding the Battery at *Cape Merry*; but not to hinder a proper Number to be employed in providing a sufficient Quantity of the Country Provisions; to prevent the Complaint of those Persons that murmur for want of Victuals: And we recommend Sobriety, that you may be capable of making a vigorous Defence, if attacked.

4th. We again recommend your keeping the Land

round the Fort, and the Battery at *Cape Merry*, free from every thing that may possibly conceal or shelter an Enemy; that you may thereby prevent being surpris'd.

10th. We again direct, That you keep up a general Correspondence with all the Factories, and get what Intelligence you can of the Designs of the *French*.

16th. We do direct, That the Master of the Sloop be always subordinate to the chief Factor; to follow his Directions in all Things (not contrary to the Company's Interest); and deliver up the Keys of the Sloop to him, whenever he shall demand them.