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Boston 20th Decr 1700.

In Obedience to the Command of their Excell^{ties} the Lords
Justices in Council, by their Order of the 18th of July last
Signified in your Lord^{ships} Letter of the first of August a
Copy of said Order being also inclosed Directing the
respective Govern^{ors} of his Ma^{ty}s Plant^{ations} in America to
transmit an Account to your Lord^{ships} in the most particu-
lar manner of the method of proceedings in the several
Courts upon Tryal of all sorts of Causes in the^{se} Courts
in those parts respectively. I have taken care in the
absence of our Govern^{or} the Earl of Belmont (who is now
within his Government of N. York) of the Observation
of the said Order, and accordingly herewith transmit to
your Lord^{ships} the Account thereby required in a particular
manner as well can be, hoping it will answer his Ma^{ty}s
and your Lord^{ships} expectation and Satisfaction.

I crave leave further to observe to your Lord^{ships} the
present repose and quiet of this his Ma^{ty}s Province,
after the late Alarm of trouble threatened to arise
from the Indians by a fresh Insurrection and breaking
forth in open hostility. And how necessary it is in
order to the continuance of this quiet, that the French
Priests and Missionaries be removed from their residence
among them, the Indians taking measures from their
evil Counsels and Suggestions, and are bigoted in their
zeal to their pernicious and damnable principles. But the
removal of those incendiaries is rendered difficult
whilst the claims and pretensions to the boundary
of Territory and Dominion between the English and

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I have thought
it best to send
of the Council for
the Earl of
Belmont