

William R.

Right trusty & Right Well beloved Cousin,
We greet you well. Whereas the Welfare and
Security of our Plantations in America, require the
utmost care & application, of such as are intrusted with
the Government of each of them; And Whereas
our Province of the Massachusetts Bay, have been
very remiss in their duty of that kind, during the late
War; insomuch that they suffered the Fort at Demaguis
the main Security of their Frontier Eastward, to be
shamefully, & demolished by an inconsiderable number
of French & Indians; nor have they since ^{that time} taken any
care, to rebuild the same, Our Will and Plea-
sure is that you signify unto our Council & the Gen-
Assembly of our said Province, That We ^{are} sensible of their neglect
in not providing more effectually for their ^{own} Security

And you are therefore in our Name to re-
quire them without delay, to provide for the build-
ing & maintaining of such Forts, in all parts of that
your Government as you the Council & Assembly shall
agree upon; It to be likewise Assisting to our Neigh-
bouring Province of New Hampshire in building and main-
taining such Forts as are needfull at Piscataway
elsewhere