

At the Queens Most Excellent Majesties
 The humble Address of ~~the~~ ^{the} Council and Assembly of
 the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England
 May it please y^e Majesty

Upon the Publishing of y^e Majesty's Just Declaration of War ag^t France
 and Spayne. We could Expect no other than to be treated wth the manner
 of hostilities by our old neighbours the French of Canada and Ports Royall
 and the Salvages in their Interests, but with all hopes that our kind
 treatment and just usage of the Indians within the Eastern parts of
 this Province in Constant Supply made them would have obliged
 and steadied them, who ~~at~~ ^{with} no application or cost was wanting,
 they having since the Commencement of the present War the French in two
 instances upon his Ex^t our Governor as well as often before, Recognized
 their obedience to y^e Crown of England, and y^e Majesty's Sovereignty over
 them; But such is their Perfidy, and so perfidious the Influence of y^e
 French Priests and Emisaries upon them that they have been debauched
 and drawn from their avowed obedience; And for near two years
 past have broke forth into open rebellion, committing all manner of hostilities
 and barbarous Murders upon y^e Majesty's good Subjects. And we have
 suffered ^{great} ~~much~~ loss both of men and Estates in Expeditions made
 by the French & Indians upon us from Canada and the East, notwithstanding
 the Early and vigilant care and good Conduct of y^e Majesty's Capt. Innes
 and Governor here in garrisoning our frontiers of more than two hundred
 miles Extent, & sending forth Companies and parties in Search & pursuit of
 the Enemy; And y^e Majesty's Subjects have patiently undergone sore &
 tedious marches in the deserts in bright and greatest severities of
 the Winter Exposing them to last long last sufferings to find out y^e Enemy
 in their obscure retreats, as Judges the most proper Season to meet them
~~Before which the vast Expenses already made, and the daily~~
~~Charge for our necessary defence and prosecution of the war, and~~
~~the number amounting to more than seventy thousand pounds, and~~
~~is so great as makes it impossible, while the great part of being in~~
~~war and unpaid. Which distressing Circumstances with other~~
~~Reasons make it necessary to your Majesty's Council to~~
~~the which part of y^e Majesty's Colony and Plantations in this Province~~
~~as for~~ Virginia enjoy a great deal of quiet, and feel little or nothing
 of the distresses of this war. We hope y^e Majesty will think in reasonableness

A printed account for many years
 of Copying and the Majesty's Council
 and Assembly relating to y^e
 delivery of a part of Penamuck

Received by the Majesty
 Queen Ann. Feb^y. 1704.

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