

but to be in a vigorous pursuit of y^e enemy, & soe, as a confederate army, to be kept together in Joynt Council & motion: soe far as this is attended, we have ordered our forces to attend you as chiefe in that Collonye; but if onely or maynly garrisoning be y^e worke you will attend, we have reserved our forces to be at our d:sposall, & you will find that in one of y^e last acts of y^e Commissioners, the management is left to y^e respective Councils of the Collonyes. We have great complaints from our soldiers, how weary they are of lying still, & how burthensome they are to y^e people, and like to loose most of their horses, If not themselves too, and doe serve to noe other end than to distress their freinds & and undoe themselves; & you have soe managed your matters in such a separate way as breeds such animosities as will be (if not speedily prevented) much to God's d:shonour & the publick prejud:ce; we thought meet therefore, to advise you to a more candid compliance & consult with our officers, In whome we repose great trust, that if indeed any real service for God & his people in pursuit of the enemy appears, you may agree to attend it, and Indeevour utmost amicable compliance therein: but if nothing, or little else than garrisoning those Towns be y^e worke, then having enough of your own to doe, that you grant your loveinge compliance for their return, as Judging their worke as necessary at home; but if you refuse, and noe further order from the Commissioners come sud-