

increased; the intanglements in o' treaty of o' Confederates (who are furnished wth a Councill of 11 or 12, chosen by their Gen'all Court, among whom are two ministers, men of abilities & learning) are such as are too intricate for me to be alone in, besides the dayly emergencies y^t neede Counsell. Now for me to be in such straites, & have no counsell; or to be ordered to consult my captains, & have no Captains nor liberty to make any, is y^t wh^{ch} is beyond my ability wth best advantages; but much more too hard being thus left alone & my hands weakned by being under yo^r frown. You expresse y^t should I recomēd any meete person to yo^s: you should have a due regard thereto. Be pleased to remind y^t in my last, (if I mistake not) I did by an expresse to yo^s: comend y^e said person as the most meete man acc: to what judgment I could make, for yo^r & y^e countryes service; yet yo^s: neither approve him, nor give reason against him, nor appoint any other. I intreate yo^r serious & tender consideration of the p'mises, and yo^r putting forth yo^r helping hand to the support of yo^r servant so sensible of y^e weight of y^e worke & y^e discouraging difficulties therin, y^t had not y^e fear of God & y^e tender sence of duty to yo^s: and to y^e publike overawed me, I had, instead of this apology, acquainted you wth my sinking under y^e burthen too heavy for me. But I would not do any thinge y^t might be greivous to yo^s: or discouraging to others in such a day of distresse. I therefore