Honored ffrendes

Wee have received your Letter and Conſidered the Contents there of, and as for the difference betweene the Maschachulets and yow it was referred [according to the articles of Confederation] to the Cõmisisioners of Plymoth and Newhaven, whoe after a dew heare-ing of all pleas have ìfsewed the ìãme as yow may ìfee; which wee hope may give ìatiëfaction to both the jurisdictions; Concerning the affronts, offered to your mesëngers, by the Pocomptuck Capt. Wee understand hee was in drinke, and that before they Came away it ìëems there was a paßifiecation and reconßilliation; though afterwards in their way home, hee Cõmitted a second offence; wee ìshall thercfore let the Pecomptuck ìâchems understande how ill wee ñehen thee ìnjuriouë ìpsages: As aliëoe the taking away the basket of Corne at Wethersfeild, and the children from chaqunk which wee ñefire you to take care that it bee cleerely & playnly made knowne to them. Wee have aliëoe enquired what wee may concerning the trechery of the Pequots in alleuring ye Mohegens to come to ìhore, wherby a Canoœe, and ñome persëons were ìfurprized and ìlayne by the Northern Indians, but cannot finde jùft matter of offence to charge them withall; one of them [hearing the report thereof] Came on purpoœe to this meeting to ñcleare him selbst, and to answer ìâche accûlations as ìhould bee layde to his jùst ìcharge; but wee having noe witneës, nor anything more than your letter mentioneth, [hee utterly denying any ìhuch ìhing ìntent, and ìpëßïng aliëoe that hee knew not what Canoœes they were till ìhey came on ìhore] hee was dißmisëd: ~~~

Concerning the orders of your Court, in referens to the Indians wee a prove of the first, as Concurring with the order of the Cõmisisioners at Boston the last yeare, which wee ñshall agayne make knowne to the ñeverall ìâchems, and hope it will bee efect =tuall for the ìpresërvation of peace betwixt the ìndi Engliëh and them; but thinke your second is too straite, and not ìafe to grounde a quarrell upon, if it ìhould not bee obëßerved: Our ìdesfire is, and ìnendeavour ñhall bee, that the Engliëh in the ñeverall Collonyes may not ìffuer any ìnjuryse or ìffronts from ye ìndian or others, wherby their pride & ìnfolenci ìaybe ìcreaeëd, or ye ìhonoure of the ìngliëh impaired; nor would wee willingly ñoe or ìffuer that to be ì done, that may give them jùst ìauë to thinke, wee are eyther ìfraide of them, or ìeke a quarrrell wt ìm. Wee therfore judg it ì meet, that ìuch ìviëions as are made for the ìpresërvation of the peace of the Country bee ìoe moderately in ìgraved and prudently ìåmage ìd that it may ìtattayne the ìynds ìåmed at; " which is the ìdefire of
Boston Sept. 1858

Jo Endecott Přšent in the name & with the consent of the rest of the Commissioners

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