

Rev & Hon^d Sir

Bethlem 12th Nov. 1756

I have only a moment's leisure to hint
that when I returned to my Indians last Fall in
October I was well by y^m with unfeigned Testimonies
of y^r affectionate regard and was not only useful
but comfortable among them till December after
when to our surprise & great unhappiness we were
much discomfited by y^e unexpected disaffection of
y^e neighbouring Delaware below. My Indians faithfully
laboured to reduce them to a good Temper &
cause them to desist their Hostilities upon y^e Southern
Provinces, where, in conjunction with the Men

affair of y^e Delaware, was not like to be com-
fortably settled and y^t they could not advise me
to continue with them in y^e present state of ~~their~~
things. For if I should be captivated or killed then
it might be unhappy for them, as it for-
ever deprived them of a Father and a Friend
— If I should be barbarously murdered among
them or fall into y^e hands of my Enemies
in any respect, they said that they should
never forget it — ^{It being only} ~~was~~ for their sakes that
I first came into their country and now
could have no other Motive, ^{to} continue among ^{them}
in y^e Danger — Besides they

Providence however crossing wth appear
against my returning to my People, they
having sent to me just before I left
Lake George desiring my return & ad-
vising me that it was their Opinion
that I might do it safely, I voted
upon and expected before now to be
in their Country at least had hopes