

AND never advise with ^{any of} the handlers what you should say, for I can always find out what is your own & what comes from them.

As to the Block house it must be at the Onondages Rivers Mouth, and not at the Oneidas Lake, for the far Indians pass only by the Mouth of the River and do not come up to the Oneidas Lake, so if the Beaver Trap would then be so far off, that it would catch no Beavers at all, and this is a thing the handlers put into your heads, on purpose that the Beavers may all go to Canada, where they would rather trade wth the french than with you by which you may see they are not your friends

Another false Story they have put into your heads is that Goods should be as cheap at the Onondages Country as here, which they know cannot be, for then there would be no allowance made for the Trouble of carrying them, which however I will order them to make as small as they can afford it.

This is a Conveniency for those that are not able to walk hither, but if any will rather come to Albany, it is reasonable that they should have Goods cheaper because of their long Journey to fetch them then when they can buy them at their own Doors.

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As to what the Senecas proposed about Abraham Schuyler, I know that it is put into their heads the same way with the rest. But I do not approve that my Officers should apply to the Six Nations to appoint them that is making you their Masters & not me, so that I cannot trust them after they take such Measures, and therefore I will not employ Abraham Schuyler any more, because he has taken a wrong way to get himself named, and I have appointed Harme Vedder Captain already, and a Smith that is Brother to Myndert Wemp.

I am always ready to shew you what kindness I can, but I will not suffer my People that are under my Government to put notions into your heads contrary to my Desires for your Good, and if I knew them I would punish them for their presumption in doing it, so that I must expect of you as a proof of your thankfulness to me, that you will be advised in these things by none but me and these Officers whom I think fit to appoint and then we shall always remain good Brethren

~~I have now taken Care to give you the best powder I can be bought, and I must warn you not to put above half so much of it in your Guns as of common powder, for it will break your Guns if you do, and a little will serve to shoot wth all. And now I take my leave of you wishing you all a good Journey home wth good health till I see you again.~~