

Defend the Injury Done to any Part of it

Brother Corlaer

We have just now Told you that we are one body and one Heart you Desired us that when any attempt be Made ag. the House at Oswego that Wee should Defend it, how Can you Imagine that Wee should not do so, for Wee have no Affection for the French who have been our ancient Enemies who Wee in the late War had almost Subdued & Conquerd, for Wee have Run Down and Destroyed whole Villages so that If the bones of the French and of us Were gathered together It would make Heaps as high as houses

Brother Corlaer

Yesterday when we made our answer Wee did not Proceed in Regular order, Wee Understood from you that when any of our Neighbours might be so bold as to Disturb us Wee need not fear while our King our Common Father will Protect us who has a large Fleet of Shippes Ready to Employ on any Occasion

You Told us that our great Thing is very Watchfull to have so great a fleet ready on all occasions which is very Prudent, but that is a great Distance from hence, and Can't Defend us here, Wee hope that you Will be Pleas'd to Take the same Care here to have every thing in readines in case we or you should be molest. by our Enemies for its Ends it would be very Proper to have a Magazine at this Place of all things necessary for Warr on Occasion

Brother Corlaer

Wee Desire for the last Time that you may not be Negligent to have a Magazine here of all things necessary

Necessary, to be ready on all occasions, but to grant it and gett it Done, for wee may be attacked by our Enemies on a sudden, and when a Magazine is Turnish'd, Wee may want for nothing, for Wee have never made any Promises on our side to former Governours but wee Performe them

Brother Corlaer

You may Possibly know more than wee Do, and know If there be any Likelihood of War, between the Kings of Great Brittain and France Wee Desire you to Inform us w<sup>th</sup> what you know about that Matter, If there be any Probability of it Wee begg that Wee may be Inform and well supplied w<sup>th</sup> Amunition, for Wee have never Waged War w<sup>th</sup> any Nation but Wee have Subdued & Conquerd them

Brother Corlaer

This is the only Method of Security for you and us to have Amunition enough in Readines, In former Times Wee were sufficiently Supplied w<sup>th</sup> it by which Wee Conquerd our Enemies, and for w<sup>th</sup> Wee were oblig'd to our Brethren who supplied us cheap, for then Wee could buy more for one Bear skin, than Wee Can for four or five Now

Brother Corlaer

Wee have spokt yesterday relating the Rum that your People shoud not Carry it up to our Country for If wee see it wee Cannot forbear to buy and Drink it Wee Desire that no Rum may be brought up, but Pray understand us right, Wee Do not Mean that no Rum should be Carryed up at all, but none brought in our Castles, Lets it be brought to the Trading house at