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Henry Holland  
J. Han<sup>d</sup> Cuyler  
Peter v. Brugh  
Evert Bancker  
Philip Livingston  
Johan<sup>d</sup> Bleeker  
Evert Wendell

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At a meeting of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of  
the Indian Affairs in Albany  
the 17th day of November 1723

Com<sup>rs</sup>

The two Indians who the Com<sup>rs</sup> sent to Canada  
on the first of October being returned sometime  
since to Enquire what news they could hear there  
Concerning the Indian War with England the Indians  
them they have given some Relation of it at  
their arrival but Laurence Claese the Interpreter  
being in Town were desired to repeat what they  
heard and saw in Canada

That after they were Engaged by the Com<sup>rs</sup> to  
go to Canada Col<sup>l</sup> John Schuyler gave them a  
Belt of Wampum to bring the following message  
to the Caahnawage Kanighnohquadie and  
Londaxisthree Indian Castles in Canada to tell  
them in the name of the Governmt. of New York  
& Boston & the Six Nations Desiring them to  
lay down the Hatchet of War against England  
to use and Cultivate the Road from Canada  
thither and trade as usual and if any weeds or  
stumbling blocks by in the way should be  
removed and laid aside and desired them to  
come to this place

When they arrived at Caahnawage these Indians  
found but three Sachims there to whom they  
Communicated the above message who told the said  
Messengers that the other Sachims were gone a  
hunting and their young men were gone to war  
wh<sup>o</sup> they had not Communicated to them till  
they were ready to go and without their order  
and could not give a Direct answer now and  
would acquaint the other Sachims and since the  
Season of the year is so far advanced they  
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Can not come now and gave a String of Wampum  
wh<sup>o</sup> the Messengers have delivered to Col<sup>l</sup> John

Present Schuyler

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At a meeting of a Com<sup>rs</sup> of the  
Indian Affairs in Albany the  
10th Day of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1723

Whereas this Board is Credibly informed  
that the french at Canada or the Indians in alliance  
with them <sup>are</sup> in actual War with our friends and  
Brethren in England have lately sent several  
Belts of Wampum to the Upper and Brendle  
Nations of Indians to invite them to come to  
Canada early the next Spring as soon as the trees  
begin to bud to assist the Eastern Indians for  
carrying on the War the Com<sup>rs</sup> are of Opinion  
that if these Messages have the desired Effects  
of the french may be of dangerous Consequence  
to his Maje<sup>s</sup> Subjects in England and be a  
motive to draw the far Ind<sup>s</sup> from trading  
w<sup>it</sup> the Inhabitants of this Province w<sup>h</sup> has  
been Endeavour'd to be promoted at a Considera-  
ble Expence of the publick This board are  
therefore of Opinion that Laurence Claese the  
Interpreter be forthwith dispatched with a  
Belt of Wampum to <sup>the</sup> Innches Country & there  
to get two trusty Indians to go to the far Ind<sup>s</sup>  
w<sup>it</sup> a message as mentioned in his Instructions  
here underwritten

By the Com<sup>rs</sup> of <sup>the</sup> Indian Affairs at Albany  
Instructions for Laurence Claese the Interpreter  
to the Innches Country

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of Canada or the Indians in alliance with them  
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