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An Onondage Sachim Named Canachquanie arrived here with a message from the rest of the Sachims of that Castle that pursuant to the ancient Covenant between you & y^e & the other nations that when any news of moment should come to either of them it should be communicated without loss of time they have Received advice from Canachquanie by a Sinneke glafage Indians y^t an officer of that place had advised the Indians who were inclined to go to Canada should forthwith depart and those who intended to return to the Six Nations should go with all speed before the Commander of y^e fort should arrive from Montreal that no unhappy accident men befall y^e Sinneke Indian who lately came from Canada affirms that the Indians of Schuinnade is about the numbers of 700 made frequently their dances of war according to their ancient custom to go to war in the Spring to cutt off & destroy the house at Oswego this was no secret there while the children sung these songs of war in the streets that the Indians were employed in making paddles for the french but what number of french would go on this Expedition with the Sinneke Indians the Sinneke doth not know, but had heard from the french at montreal that they intended to go on this Expedition against the house at Oswego the next Spring.

The Sachims of Onondage to acquaint this road that the Onondage messengers who had promised Cap. Phil. Schuyler & J^r. Peter Schuyler last summer to go to the Canada Indians not to molest or disturb us the quit Settlement at Oswego y^t if they should commit any acts of hostilities their y^e Six Nations should defend against them & the English ag^t y^e french are returned back having been only one days journey & have not

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Not delivered their Message according to their promise & consent from home if the Six Nations as directed by y^e making fained excuse that they were sick.
Since the said messengers have failed to perform this Message the P^r onondage Sachims promise y^t this board should send Indians to Canada on pretence of trade to prevent the said french Indians to join with y^e french & also to discover what is hatching in Canada ag^t y^e house at Oswego y^t all y^e Indians of y^e Six Nations are at y^e dear home.

The Com^d Answered the P^r Messenger y^t they return thanks to the Onondage Sachims for their care in sending to us with the neglect of the Onondage Sachims in performing their promise & Engagements made to Capt. Schuyler to let their Messengers proceed to the Canada Indians y^t y^e Six Nations had Resolved to defend the P^r house at Oswego against them & y^e English against the french that the board are with thankfull to him bringing this Message hither & rely on him while they are sensible of this former faithful service to this Government & as a reward give him a great of a blanket a pair of Stockings a lap of Arrows a shirt & a looking glass.

Resolved that Lawrence the Interpreter go to Onondage with a men for his Assistant in Company with the P^r Onondage messenger to Endeavour the Six Nations send one of each nation to affirm y^e Message to the Canada Indians and they had formerly promised to Mr. Schuyler for w^h purpose ite thought fit to give him the following Instructions.

By the Com^d of the Indian Affairs
At Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Place the Interpreter to y^e Six Nations whereas we are Informed by a message rec^d this Day from the Onondage Sachims y^t y^e Onondages have not sent Messengers to the Canada Indians as they have promised