

Albany the 4th September 1729

Instructions for Johannes Noveboom & Nicholas Blecker Esq. two of the Comm. for Indian Affairs - And Lawrence Claessen Interpreter for the said Indians.

Whereas by Proposition made unto us the Comm. of Indian Affairs by the Sachims of the Oneyda bearing date the 21st of July last setting forth the great Loss the said Nation have sustained by an unhappy War wth the Virginia Indians, whereby they have Lost a considerable number of their Fighting men, inasmuch that they deem themselves a Nation utterly Perished

And Whereas we the said Board of Comm. have in our Answering the said Sachims Proposition, thought it highly necessary for the good of our Country, and for continuing that good understanding, that Time out of mind has been between the Indians and Christians of this Province; promised them in the first place to send up two of the Gentlemen from this board to condole their great Misfortune

and in the second place in our said Answer have promised the said Sachims to signify to his Excy. our Governour that he might write to the Governour of Virginia requesting of him to deliver up to the said Oneyda Indians such of their men as his men have taken Prisoners in that War

For performance of which several promises by the aforesaid Lawrence Claessen are to take your departure from hence on Saturday the 6th day of this Instant, and to repair with all convenient speed to the Oneyda Indians Castle and at your arrival there in the name of the Governm^t to condole their losses in such deplorable Manner as if we were all present, and to Deliver unto them such necessary, as we now send to you signifying to the said Indians that we send the same by way of wiping off that grief and sorrow which may perhaps now lie at their hearts, occasioned by their late unhappy War and the Loss of their Fighting men it were Masacred therein and that they may be assured, that it gives us as much concern as if we had been Partakers thereof

And in respect of obtaining an Answer from the Governour of Virginia you may assure them that we

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We at the same Time they made their Propositions to us did dispatch the same to our Governour; and we doubt not but he wrote to the Governour of Virginia accordingly - for which Answer we daily wait Expectants and w^{ch} when come to our hands shall be Forwarded to them wth all Expedition - however in the mean Time we recommend it to them to comfort themselves and wipe off all Sorrow from their hearts

Albany the 13th September 1729

Capt. Ogelvie

We have endeavourd to get a Boyon to send to repair your Chimney and even but find it will Prove so Chargeable Notwithstanding that its small Job of work if how that we cant Expect to have the same Paid by the Assembly, so that we desire you to endeavour to get them repaired in the best manner you can, and for the Charge Accraving thereon we shall take care to discharge it and Pay whomsoever you employ therein Therefore desire you may get the necessary ready and we shall send you a Towell as soon as Possible
Signed -

A Meeting of the Comm. of Indian Affairs in Albany the 20th Septem. 1729

- Present
- Philip Livingston
 - ert Bancher
 - erry Holland
 - ter Van Brugh
 - hanes Cuyler
 - raham Cuyler
 - ilip Schuyler
 - em Van Cotenlaer
 - erts Wendell
 - yer Gerritse
 - an Lamingh

Pursuant to an Order in his Excy. Governour Montgomerie's Letter of the 8th Inst. directing us therein to send Hendrick Wemp & Joseph van Sise to the Sinneker Country to work for them till next Spring We have therefore sent for the v. Hendrick Wemp & Joseph van Sise, who do appear here, and do voluntarily offer to go to work for the said Sinneker Indians (agreeable to his Excy's said Letter) until the first of May next Inclusive and that they do not Ask or Expect any Satisfaction or Consideration for such their Service from us the Comm. of Indian Affairs or from the Governm^t of this Province, Whereupon we have thought fitt to give the said Hendrick Wemp and Joseph van Sise Instructions Accordingly