

Made use of by Major Abraham Schuyler
Belonging to the Government be made use
of by Capt. Bancker During the time he
shall be in the S^d years Service —

That his Excellency further will Recommend
to the Gent^l of y^e Council y^e Sum of \$20:00
To Jost van Seysen Armourer & Nicolas wemp
Smith together for their Service & work for the
Indians in the Sinnekes Country till the
first of may next providing they stay there
till that day —

That his Excellency will also Recommend
to y^e Council y^e \$12:00 be allowd unto Capt.
Evert Bancker in full of all Provisions
Necessaries whatso ever during his stay
among y^e Indians —

Present
His Exc^{ly} William Burnet
Esq^r & a
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Hend^r & Renselaer
Lancaster Sojms

At a meeting of the Com^d.
of Indian affairs in Albany
the 15th September 1726

By his Excellency William
Burnet Esq^r & a

Instructions for Cap^t. Evert
Bancker —
You are forthwith to Repair
to the Sinnekes Country and there to Reside
till april next either at Canosedaqui or
Onahce or go from time to time from the one
Castle to the other as you shall think most
tending to the Publick Service and you are
to

To take a Journey to Cayouge or Onnondage
when you think the publick Service Requires
it not otherwise —

You are to use your utmost Endeavors to
Cultivate a familiar acquaintance with the
Principall men among the Indians. and per-
=swade them with all your might to be faith-
=full to y^e Brittish Interest and do your Indea-
=vor to bring off those that are Inclind to
the french —

You are to find out with all possi-
-ible Diligence what news the french spread
among the Indians or what design they have
and Defeat them with the utmost of your ability
you are to keep a particular Journall of all your
own Proceeding and of all that you hear concern-
-ing the french or the Indians and Transmitt
accounts of what is most matteriall to me as
Likewise to y^e Com^d of Indian affairs at Albany
and if any thing Extraordinary should happen
you are to send an Indian or a Christian Express
with an acct^o of it in Case you Judge there be
occasion for it —

You are particularly to Strengthen the
Indians in their Dislike to the french fortifying
Onyagara by Reminding them of the mischiefs
the french forts have allways done ^{them} and you
are to persuade them not to Enter into any manner
of agreement with the french & particularly not
give their Consent to their fortifying Niagara
or any where Else on the South Side of the Lake
and you are to use the same diligence to prevent
the Onnondages from giving any Consent to the
french fortifying on this Side of the Lake upon
any Notice you have that any such thing is
proposed to them by the french you are to follow
from time to time such Directions as ^{you shall} receive
from me or y^e Com^d of the Indian affairs at Albany
you are to use your best Endeavors to promote
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