

is called Dekana Sachtlago, and the other Tenchjuchjago, we fear if the Secretary does not goe who knows all our affairs that Letters will not be regarded and then we shall Loose our country and our hunting and those of Aibany will Loose their Trade for we see ye french are a diligent People—always in action but ye People of Albany are as if they were Lame or Cr^e, goe no where to Trade to no Indians The French are passed by to ye Fort which they have made this Summer and have a french woman in each Canoe, but, we see not that Corlair does any thing.

I answered that ye Secretary was gone, upon which they said, are the leters gone, I told ym I did not know.

I told them further yt I was come upon their message which they sent to Albany, concerning their Resolution to send Agents to make Peace with ye Davsagahads and other farr Indians at Tjugh-Saghrondie and yt I had a great bolt from Corclair to send wil ym to confirm ye Peace and to assure ye farr Indians that they should be welcome to come to Albany and well Treated where they would find goods cheaper than at Canada The Sachims were well satisfied and took ye bolt sent by Corclair, and said they had not only concluded to make Peace with ye farr Indians, at Tjughsaghrondie (according to their desire signified to ym by a Sinneka Prisoner whom they had released and sent to ye 5 nations for yt purpose) but have sent ye Prisoners of ye farr Indians away before with some Indians to acquaint ye Dowagan-haes that they were a Comolng to make peace with them at Tjughsaghrondie, in which Peace our Brother Corclair shall be included, and we will make one article that they come and trade at Albany for which the Path shall be open and clean. Concerning ye bad news that the messenger said was at Onnandago the matter is this, a rumour is spread among the Indians that DeScannisson, and another when he was Last at N. Yorke should betray the five nations to ye governour of N. Yorke to be Destroyd and that he should have done

ye same to ye governour of Canada, giving a Bolt to each governour and that this story should come from Kendrik ye Maguass

who should have said it to Aqueenders and ye DeKanissord has sent a post to the Governour of Canada to free himself of this imputation.

When I came back I asked Kendrik ye Indian and Aqueenders but they know nothing of ye matter, being a notorius lye, however it hath made a great stirr among ye Indians in this country I found ye Indians at Onnandago very much divided in two factions, ye one for ye English the other ye French, but I believe those that are for for this government are ye strongest and those Sachims that are of our side desire me that I would tell Corclair and Quinder yt it was their desire yt a messenger be sent to Canada to forbid the Governour of yt Place to make such trading house on their Ground for those trading houses would be soon converted into Forts.

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Another Note of Alarm.

To the Hon. John Nanfan Esq.

Lieut. Gov. and Commander in Chief of ye Province of N. Yorke &c.

The humble Memoriall of Rt. Livingston Sec for yr Indian Affairs sheweth How that he has been lately at Albany to Enquir

into ye state of ye Indians of ye five nations who

he finds by ye interpreter lately come from them

that they are very much divided among themselves by

a french faction among them as by ye said Interpreter's report under his hand appears.

That ye French of Canada have not only built a new fort

this summer at Tjughsaghrondie between ye lake

of Sweegee and Ottowawa the princpall place

of Bever hunting, but have lately built two trading houses

on this side of ye lake near ye Sinnekes and

stored them with all sorts of Indian goods.

He doth

therefore offer it as his opinion for the expelling of french