

your Honour consent to and approve of it. He has so much endeared himself to me, by his Amiable Deportment; his Laudable Thirst after and Progress in Learning, that did I not apprehend this would be as beneficial to Him as advantageous to me, I should neither deserve his Assistance nor solicit Your Approbation. But I apprehend I can much sooner perfect him in the English Language, and better instruct Him in whatever He shall have occasion to learn, when he is constantly with Me, than when in the School, where a large Number are to be taken Care of in conjunction with Him. Should your Honour approve of the Proposal, I should immediately take upon me the whole Expense of his Education; and so long as he serves in the Character of an Interpreter, would allow him a genteel Reward. The present Excursion is designed only for a few months, after which he can return again to his School, so that I imagine if it's of no Advantage, it can be but of little disadvantage to him."

(Signed,)

CHARLES JEFFERY SMITH.

*Reverend Mr. Wheelock to Sir William Johnson:—*

HARTFORD, May 16, 1763.

SIR,—May it please your Honour:—

I received last evening a paper with your seal, enclosing a letter from Joseph to his sister; wrote, I suppose, in the Mohawk language, and by which he informs me he is ordered to come directly home; that the Indians are displeas'd with his being here at school; that they don't like the people, &c., which has occasioned no small exercise in my mind, and many turnings of thoughts what should be the occasion of it. In my last to you I inform'd you of the truly noble and charitable design of Mr.

Charles Jeffrey Smith, (who has been Joseph's tutor last winter), his purpose to come with Joseph to you as soon as he could get ready for the business of his proposed mission, and that I designed to take Joseph with me to Boston and Portsmouth, &c., and that you might expect him in June, &c.; but whether you have received that letter, with others from Mr. Smith and Joseph, I don't learn. And inasmuch as there was nothing wrote to me manifesting your pleasure in the affair, I presume Your Honor did not know the contents of the inclosed, though it came under your seal; and how to conduct in the affair I am at a great loss. Mr. Smith is now gone to New York, &c., to prepare for his Mission. I expect him back soon, and if he comes and finds Joseph gone, whom he depends upon for a guide and companion, he will be greatly disappointed, and, I fear, will think himself very ungratefully treated. Joseph is rendered so very uneasy, for fear of gaining the Displeasure of his Friends, that I am doubtful whether it will do to detain him; and to send him alone on foot will not be well, and to send a Horse with him may give him much trouble to return him. Nor have I any intimation of the valuable End that may be served by his going before the time proposed. And as Joseph desires to put himself under your Honour's conduct, as what he apprehends most prudent and safe for him to do, so I should be glad Your Honor would, as explicitly as you please, let me know your Pleasure. And, upon the whole, I think it advisable to detain Joseph (if he will be content to stay), till I receive your Honour's Pleasure, or till the time appointed for his coming by Mr. Smith.

And I am, with Sincere Respect and Esteem,

Your Honour's

Most obedient humble Serv't,

ELEAZAR WHEELOCK.

Sir William Johnson.

