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At a meeting of the Com^{tee} of the
Indian Affairs in Albany y^e 12th
Day of July 1723

Esq^r Com^r

Fourteen Indians from Twightwights by the
French called Meames being arrived at this Town
say by their Speaker called Dewadiko native
of Onondage settled among 30 Indians being for-
merly taken prisoner by them

Brother Corlaer and Rider

We are arrived here & have undergone great diffi-
culties for the French continually oppose our
coming hither and tell us that if we venture
to go to this place we shall certainly be killed
either by the five Nations or by you our Bre-
thren, but we have now struggled and forced
our way to come and see you, as but few of
us have been here before so we crave a favour
from you to have compassion on us that we may
have goods cheap We lay down two Calames pipes
as a Token that we have been here to be kept
by you to smoke out off in case there should happen
any misunderstanding between us y^t it may be re-
conciled in smoking of Tobacco

We desire you to have compassion on us and
on our wives and children that we may have
goods cheap and be provided with provision
that when we come home we may say
that we have been well used & civilly
treated by our Brethren

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An Indian Native of Onondages called D.
Aguaront who has been on hunting two year
and been with a Nation of Indians called by
the Indians Agottfaragotta being situated
beyond the Twightwights who are inclined
to come to carry on their Trade hither and
have sent this Messenger to Endeavour to
make a free passage thro the five Nations
to come to trade at Albany and desire
they may be kindly received & have goods
cheap when they come give a few dressed Deer

Some Indians from Tughsaghrondie by the
French called Detroit say Brethren here
is the place where the Covenant between
you and us is made under the Tree of Peace and
Friendship

We desire that the Covenant Chain may always
be kept Clean & Bright, We are now come
to renew it and hope that the Path from
our Country hither may always be kept
Clean from all Weeds and Stumbling Blocks
and beg that we may as usual have goods
cheap and be well treated in Trade
give a few dressed Deer

Answer to y^e Twightwights

We are very glad to see you here
and that you do not hearken to what
the French say with a view to hinder you
from coming to trade at this place. We
desire you not to give Credit to what they
say