

to come down to this Place wherefore we desire y. we may be furnished & supplyd with Necessaries at Saraghtoque as Cheap as there are to be had here while it is very difficult at this Season to draw & carry down y. Deer Skins but in the spring when we can come down in Canoes we shall come hither with a great number of our people & abundance of beaver & peltry and y. our Sachins shall also come gave a string of Wampum

Answer

We are very glad that it has pleas'd almighty god to preserve your Sachins & people in good health & y. they have sent y. to come hither to trade, we do assure you & promise y. y. same shall be kept open & free for all your nation to come thither to trade as long as they demean themselves well & peaceable as we sent you word last summer by y. messengers they sent us at that time

as to what you desire y. Some persons may suppose you want necessaries at Saraghtoque as Cheap as they are here because you all allowdge y. that it is Difficult for y. old men to bring down their skins hither w. is a thing y. we can not promise you neither can any person afford y. so Cheap as they are to be had here. for y. must consider y. they must be p. for bringing up the goods thither & if your young men do bring down y. skins belonging to y. old men or hire Roads to ride y. down which will be but a triffl. Considering how much cheaper goods are here y. at Saraghtoque therefore we recom- mend you to tell your Sachins we desire y. they call their young men do come hither to trade while goods are much cheaper than ever they had been

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May it Please your Ex^l

It would be very acceptable to us to hear of your Ex^l health & prosperity. Includd your Ex^l has y. Journall of Mr. Lawrence Clouse y. Interpreter to y. Six Nations by his Relation it appears y. y. Indians are well affected to y. British Interest but in our opinion what has been begun to secure y. ought to be permd. for they begin now to see of what consequence y. Building at Oswego will be to y. for they perceive if we can detain & secure y. ag. y. attempt the french of Canada which we humbly hope y. our assembly will conceive y. y. support of y. Six nations is Security of our trade is of y. greater consequence to this province & y. they will raise a sufficient supply to dis- charge y. Expence already layd out & what may be wanting to lay out for y. Next Year

The Interpreter

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The Interpreter Informs us y. y. french Smith freely Trade among y. Six Nations which we wish could be prevented it seems a great hard- ship to us y. y. french may Trade there & our people be prevented to do y. like by a law w. we beg your Ex^l may be pleas'd by a Clause in any bill that may pass this Session. w. will be very acceptable to us we with great Esteem & Respect

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Journall of Mr. Lawrence Clouse the Interpreter of his Journey to the Six Nations which being transla- ted into English is as follows,

In pursuance of my Instructions from the Com^o of Indian Indian affairs at albany dated the ninth Sep. I went to y. Mohogge Country acquainted y. Sachins there of the decease of his late majesty King George of Glorious Memory and of y. accession of his present majesty King George the Second to the Imperiall Crowns of great Britain France & Ireland, from thence I went to Onyoe and Tusheros & acquainted those Sachins with the same

On the 25 of Sep. I arriv'd at Onondage where I found 160 men ready to go out fighting by order of the Governour of Canada of w. 40 of y. went out the same day I came there whereupon I call'd the Sachins & covrins to come together I acquainted y. also of y. Decease of his Late majesty King George & of y. accession of his present majesty King George y. Second to y. Imperiall Crowns of Great Britain & and speak to y. in name of his Excel. William Burnet Esqr. our Governour. y. he has very much surpris'd that they sufferd y. selves to be Commanded by the Governour of Canada who has been always their Ancestors Enemy and is so still, who by show of friendship seeks to deprive them of their Land & priviledges where our Governour gives sufficient Instances of his Sincere affection & friendship towards the well being of the Six nations w. he Endeavours to accomplish and Intends to preserve in it

The King of France himself owns y. y. Six Nations belong only to y. Crown of Great Britain therefore brethren I desire you in his Excel. name y. you do not go fighting on y. Command