

We have also heard of there is a french Smith in
Sinneces Country with his wife & Children —

That on y. 6th Feb. he Left fort Hunter
and arrived y. 13th Feb. at Onneyde where he communi-
cated to the Sachims there y. Contents of his Instructions the
14th Received an answer from them and said that
they could not give a full answer to his Proposition.
But that some of their Deputed Sachims were sent
to y. Sinneces Country and Desired him to acquaint
them with it and what they in their behalf should
Conclude they would approve of

On the 15th Ditto went from Onneyde & arriv'd at
Onnondage the 17th Ditto, where, when the Sachims
were conven'd, acquainted them with the Contents
of his Instructions, on which they directly gave
the same answer as those at Onneyde had Done
That some of their Deputed Sachims were gone
to the Sinneces Country, that they should give
him an answer, and what they Concluded or
Consented they would approve

On the 18th went from Onnondage and
arriv'd at Cayouge the 20th D. & having called
the Sachims to meet acquainted them with
Contents of his Instructions who immediately
answer'd him that they had sent Deputies to
the Sinneces Country & what they should resolve
with the rest of the Sachims they would Confirm
and approve of

He arriv'd at the Sinneces Country on the
22nd of 3rd month and found there the Deputed
Sachims of the four Nations, who he Desired
Immediately to meet together, and when they
were conven'd acquainted them what he was
directed by his Instructions & found Jurian
Hogan work there as Smith, as also a french
Smith with his wife and three Children and an
Assistant; there are also three french men
who take Notice of all Transactions and
Occurrences.

On the 26

On the 26th he being call'd before the meeting
of the Sachims of the four Nations they said
that they were resolv'd to send two Deputies of
each Nation to his Excel. at New York, because they
suspected that the Com. were negligent to acquit
his Excel. with their prohibition of the Rum
being sold to the Ind. in their Country at the fall
& Onnondage River; the same Day he reply'd
that his Excel. has been fully inform'd w. their
Desires; and that his Excel. has thereupon given
Orders, that no Rum shall be sold to any of the
five Nations at the fall & Onnondage River
but only to the fair Ind. to promote a Trade
w. them, and further what he was directed by
his Instructions, on wch they say that they fully
approve of every thing he had said except that
Rum should be sold in their Country wch they will
not allow of, and in case they or the fair Ind. have
Occasion for Rum, that they may go & buy it at
Albany or at Schmeestady, as they have formerly
Done then they & we shall be free from being
the authors of any mischief or murder's shall be
Committed there, for they added that what has been
Done is now imputed to them & the Brethren
the Christians, and therefore they desire w. this
Belt of Wamp. as a Token from the 3 Nations
that the Genl. Com. will be pleas'd forthwith
to issue a prohibition that no Rum may be carried
up into their Country except for the traders own
Use and desire that his Excel. may forthwith be
acquainted herew. hoping that their Request
may be taken in Consideration, that it may
tend for the welfare of us all, being w. strong
Liquor is the root of all evil, wch we our selves
have many times had sad Experience of, and saw last
year some Christian Ind. of w. 3 Nations & fair Ind.
lying drunk to excess among one another at a fall
who then gett in Quarrel together by wch many
sad Accidents may arise & if any do we clear our
selves of the fault

The french Smith came here in a decent full manner
We had sent Deputies to Canada to Condole the
Death