

Brother Corlaer

You Acquainted us also that you had a fine Present for us wherefore We thank you heartily you told us that as soon as We had given our answer you would Deliver it. But as it is ^{the} We Desire you may give the same too Morrow

His Ex^{ty} answer

In answer

As to what you desire in Relation that no Rum should be sent up to your Country It is absolutely Necessary to send Rum to Oswego for the refreshment of the Men there and those who do carry up Provisions I shall give strict Orders that none of my People do send or carry up any strong Liquors to your People if any shall transgress I expect you will Inform against them; For you know how Difficult it is to restrain them from selling as well as Difficult for your People from bringing it

I thank you in my Masters the King of Great Brittain's name for the lands you have granted for the use of his Garrison at Oswego, I desire you will Express how Many 1000 Fathom in length and breadth you will grant him, and I will send up a fitt Row on to Marke out the bounds to you and I promise you not to go beyond these bounds, by this you will see that the English do not Deal to you as the French do who take your Land without your leave. The house at Oswego was built for your Protection so I expect you will assist me ~~but~~ If it be attacked by any body whatsoever that you will assist the English

Garrison there in Defending it. for Nothing can be more Natural than for you to assist in the Defence of a Place which is Maintained for your Security

I desire you to send some of your People too Morrow Morning to receive the Presents

Albany the 5th of October 1720

A Private Conference Held wth His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq^r & c and Two Sachims of Each of the Six Nations

Brother Delaer

We are very glad that you have Renewed the ancient Covenants and strengthened the same to us and to ~~our~~ we have on both sides hitherto kept Inviolable

We are also very glad that you our brother Corlaer who is now come over to us is a wise & Prudent man, We must esteem you so because you have spoken very sensibly. Brother - It seemed yesterday as if you were ^{pleas'd} Dissatisfied that We did not Promise to Defend the house at Oswego. It has been of old concluded between your and our Ancestors that we should be one body and one heart, so what ~~was~~ to be Done to one Member the whole must be sensible of it and Defends