

Instrumentall in the Murthering of our brethren, in regard that you, your selves have juſt now Confesſed that your Forefathers and ours have always lived amicably together and we on our Parts have ſonſtantly been Fair and upright in our Deportments towards you and your brethren; and therefore we Deſire that upon arrivall at your Caſtle you will acquainte the Sachims from us, that the great Loſſe you have ſuſtained of having ſo many warring men ſett off Affords us an Inexpreſſable Concern; And therefore we hope that you will Wiſe off all ſuch groundleſſ Opinions of us and utterly Expell them from your hearts, for we do aſſure you that we are Entirely Innocent in this your allegation againſt us

And as to what you deſire that we ſhould Write to Our Governour, Wee Promise you that if ſome opportunity wee ſhall ſend down your whole Propoſition to him, and wee Doubt not but he will Forthwith Perform your requests in writing to the Governour of Virginia; and as ſoon as we receive his Excellency's answer, you may Depend upon it that we ſhall Forwards an Expreſſ accord: ſingly to you

Albany the 25th July 1729

May it please your Excellency

Enclosed your Excellency has a Propoſition, from the Sachims of the Oneydes, and our answer thereto whereby your Excellency may Perceive by their unhappy as well as ungenerous Warr, what a ſonſiderable Loſſe they have ſuſtained; and in regard that they ſtreamouſly request of your Excellency that you'd be Pleas'd to write to the Governour of Virginia to Order that he may with all ſpeed deliver up to them ſuch of their men as his Indians in that war have Taken Priſoners - wherefore we ſhall Patiently waite for your Excellency's answer, that we may thereby be able to Perform our Promise in our answering them and Likewise your Excellency may Perceive in our ſaid answer

Answer that we have Promis'd to ſend up Two of the Gentlemen of this board to Condole the death of their Warriours, but on this head we ſhall waite your Excellency's Directions; which is all that at Preſent offers to

Albany 3rd Sept: 1729

May it please your Excellency

Herewith your Excellency has Copy of our Laſt to which we refer for want of an answer to which and your Excellency's directions thereto has hitherto Prevented us of Performing our promise to the Indians in ſending up Two proper Persons to Condole their Miſfortune & Likewise to Obtain a letter from your Excellency to the Governour of Virginia, Requeſting of him to deliver up to them ſuch of their men as they have Taken Priſoners in that Warr all which your Excellency may more Expreſſly Perceive, by Perceiving their Propoſition to us, and our answer thereto; (which went inclosed in our laſt) Therefore we are of Opinion that this is an affair of ſuch Importance, Eſpecially when we ſo aſſuredly promis'd to Perform their requests, that it will not only be a reflection on us but for the Future Fruſtrate our having any dependance on that Nation

But we thinking it abſolutely neceſſary to ſend up proper persons to Condole their miſfortune, we do therefore deſign to diſpatch Two of the Gentlemen of this board, accompanied by Lawrence Claever the Interpreter, to go up to their Caſtle conformable to our Promise - which is the needfull at preſent from

Ditto Date

Mess: Johannes Roebom
Lawrence Claever

Being the resolution of the board of Comm^{rs} of the Indian Affairs, that two proper Persons be ſent up to the Oneydes Caſtle to Condole the Miſfortune they ſuſtained by their laſt Warr, you are therfore in the name of the ſaid Comm^{rs} hereby deſired to come down to us to be here on Wednesday the third Instant at Two of the clock in the afternoon in order to conſult Further of this affair which is the needfull - from