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Major Symes

Albany y. 11th Augth 1797

Jr

The inclosed letter was delivered to us opened we have taken a Copy of the Same in Order to send to his Excal.^y we desire you send us a line or two by the bearer hereof forthwith & thereby Acquit us if you have or can procure men enough to Carry up the stores & provisions to Oswego & to Supply the Garrison with men at Oswego in Order if we may be able acquit his Excal.^y with the Circumstances of matters since Cap^t. Nicolls is coming down to Albany according his letter whether it be best to take all boats for carrying up the provisions since Cap^t. ~~Banker~~ Nicolls is bringing down with Right boats or whether to succeed with y^r 3 wooden Canoes & two boats as it was first designed we leave to your self Coll^t. Groesbeck & Cap^t. Collins we are

pray communicate this
forthwith to Cap^t. Collins
& Coll^t. Groesbeck

Jr
Your most humble servants

We are of opinion if since Cap^t. Nicolls is coming Down to send all Stores & provisions wth all the men at once together

Was Signed
Peter V. Brugh
Wend^t. von Rensselaer
Rutger Bleeker
Ryer Gerritse
Harmanus Wendell

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Albany y. 12th Augth 1797

May it please your Excal.^y

we have acquainted your Ex^y by our last of the 10th Instant that Cap^t. was Returned home Sack & Week by the Inclosed Copy of Cap^t. Nicolls letter & Major Symes letter your Excal.^y will see that Cap^t. Nicolls is coming Down with the men wth makes some alterations about the matters in hand and are afraid matters will not go so Expeditions as we hoped & expected in respect of getting up y^r Stores & provisions our Express met Cap^t. Nicolls a little on this Side of y^r Great Carrying place we believe it will take a long time before y^r men gett up with the Stores & provisions to Oswego Cap^t. ~~Banker~~ Schuyler & his Brother peter with Laurens believe will Sett out this Day from Schinechtady Cap^t. Schuyler & Laurence go a horse back to make all the hast the Can to gett up to onnison