

Albany 13 Sep 1727

May it please your Ex^{ty}

We have been honoured with your Ex^{ty} acceptable letters of y^e 22th & 24th of August the bedding & provisions were sent up directly to Schinechtady peace wheat meal and what other necessaries y^e may be wanting for the Detachm^t at Oswego shall be supplied & provided by us we hear of y^e Soldiers & men we had to go up thither with the provision have had much fatigue in getting f^ro^m Reason of y^e Low water in the road Creek we expect to gett four batoes ready before the men can come back with y^e other, its a great pleasure for us to see y^e Ex^{ty} is so hearty to maintain & keep the Garrison at Oswego well I shall not be wanting in any thing for promoting so good a work y^e batoes w^h remain at y^e house will be better for putting in pease & meal then water where y^e Cap^t Banks has got y^e Pork barrel clean & filld with water its no difficult matter for y^e men there to make a good port Cully to fall down upon occasion within y^e door we shall give directions about it

Cap^t Nicolls has sent us a memorandum for severall necessaries wanting at Oswego w^h we shall provide & send by the first batoes that shall go up thither.

We hear no manner of Intelligence from Canada w^h makes us unca-
=sy what is hatching there the french must certainly have a great Command & Influence over their indians y^e Ex^{ty} can keep y^e So (bes^{ts} of not one single one should come hither we have orderd three Indians from Schinechtady to Lake S^t Sacrem^t to see if no Canada indians are hunting there & if they find none they are to go forward to Canada & y^e other w^h come back

The road & bridges on the carrying place are so bad y^e its impracti-
=ble to ride over y^e provisions & batoes we have desired y^e Justice among y^e palatines to hire men to go up & Repair the same

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We have been very prising to gett in the account of the Expences this year for building batoes y^e house at Oswego provi-
=sions & wiggon hire peoples wages & in transporting y^e provisions thither & Freight amounting in all as may appear by y^e P^r acct^s is List herewith to y^e Ex^{ty} we suppose there more to some in so^{me} we shall send his Ex^{ty} as soon as may be some of y^e acct^s of y^e Country people are not Certified this suppose they are Just

The detachm^t sett out from Schinechtady yesterday with five of our Country people who are to stay at Oswego till April next as also 6 more are hired to help up y^e Batoes at 2s Each for y^e Trip the Charges run high w^h could not be prevented for y^e Security of y^e house & Garrison while we think it of y^e greatest consequence to keep this province & Security of the 5 Nations we hope every thing may succeed according to Expectation with Great Esteem & Respect we are

J. L. H. H.
H. G. H. W. N. B.

Present 26th 7X

- J. Livingston
- Henry Holland
- J. Cuyler
- M. Schuyler
- P. V. Brough
- E. Symes
- V. Wendell
- R. Gerritse
- N. Bleecher

All a Meeting of the Com^{rs} of the Indian affairs in Albany y^e 6 October 1727

An Indian Messenger from y^e adjkankook Indians come to this City w^h says y^e it is y^e goodness of god y^e we met together in good health

That he is sent from the Sachims of the 5 Indians who are ^{on their} now hunting with a number of their purpose about the End of the wood Creek is to y^e Eastward of the Browned land that what he is in behalf of is in name of y^e said all y^e Indians who are now about y^e P^r places on their hunting that they have sent him to see if y^e path to this place is free & open for y^e to come to trade hither if it be acceptable to y^e brethren y^e Com^{rs} to give y^e Liberty to come gave a String of Wampum

Brethren
We have been here last Summer & you gave us y^e Liberty to come to trade hither but as we have a great number of ancient men among us who can hardly undergo the fatigue