

121a Albany 8 Feb 1725/6  
May it please y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup>

Your Ex<sup>ty</sup> favour of 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. we rec<sup>d</sup> according  
to our Ex<sup>ty</sup> directions shall send an English Boy & the first  
Hoop w<sup>th</sup> an acct of the Charges we have disburs<sup>d</sup>. Indeed the base  
behaviour of our Ind<sup>s</sup> towards Virginia is very provoking of  
w<sup>ch</sup> we are ashamed w<sup>ch</sup> submit<sup>t</sup> we humbly are of opinion w<sup>ch</sup> it  
cant be prevented, unless some able persons of Distinction be sent  
among them to dissuade them from such ill practices, & keep y<sup>m</sup>  
firm to w<sup>th</sup> allegiance to his Majesty for they are very wavering  
w<sup>ch</sup> much Inclined to w<sup>th</sup> french Interest

We shall not be wanting to encourage as much as in us  
lies all those w<sup>ch</sup> are entred to trade next Spring at w<sup>ch</sup> Lake  
& advise y<sup>m</sup> from your Ex<sup>ty</sup> to behave themselves discreetly  
towards your Ind<sup>s</sup> in case any Disputes do arise & not to  
give any Cause of Complaint, & if they only fell them to the  
far Ind<sup>s</sup> on this occasion we have thought fit for his Majesty  
service to make an answer to w<sup>ch</sup> Proposition of w<sup>ch</sup> Ind<sup>s</sup> made  
last fall through Laurence Caese w<sup>ch</sup> Interpreter, Copy of  
his Instructions are herem Inclos<sup>d</sup>. We hope he will be  
able to quiet w<sup>ch</sup> minds of w<sup>ch</sup> Ind<sup>s</sup> for w<sup>ch</sup> safety of those who are  
going to trade at w<sup>ch</sup> Lake We are glad w<sup>ch</sup> peace is concluded  
between Boston & w<sup>ch</sup> Eastern Ind<sup>s</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> we wish may be  
lasting w<sup>ch</sup> our best Respects we remain

May it please your Ex<sup>ty</sup>

Your Ex<sup>ty</sup> most humble and  
most Obedient Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
Sign Philip Swingsston  
Henry Holland  
Peter van Brough

Present  
Philip Swingsston  
Henry Holland  
Peter van Brough  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Com<sup>r</sup>

All a meeting of the Com<sup>r</sup> of  
Indian Affairs in Albany the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Day of March 1725/6 122.

This Day Laurence Caese the Inter-  
preter appeared before this Board and said that he  
had pursuant to y<sup>r</sup> Instructions Delivered him dated  
the first day of Febr<sup>y</sup> been at y<sup>r</sup> Severall Castles of  
the five Nations and had acquainted them with y<sup>r</sup>  
Contents of w<sup>ch</sup> he has kept a Journall which is in  
Substance as follows that on y<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month he  
arrived in y<sup>r</sup> maguase Country where he Communicated  
to the Sachims that touching the prohibition of y<sup>r</sup>  
5 Nations of Rum to be sold unto y<sup>r</sup> Indians at y<sup>r</sup>  
falls or Lake his Ex<sup>ty</sup> had given strict orders that  
no person under his Governm<sup>t</sup> should sell any to the Indian  
of y<sup>r</sup> five Nations at those places. but only to y<sup>r</sup> far  
Indians the better to promote a Trade with them  
That his Ex<sup>ty</sup> Recommended unto them not to molest  
or hinder any of y<sup>r</sup> far Indians in their coming to trade  
with the inhabitants of this Province or Return home  
nor to any of our Traders -

That the Com<sup>r</sup> are informed that there  
is a french Smith from Canada at y<sup>r</sup> Sinnekes Country  
and that there is another English Boy among y<sup>r</sup>  
five Nations taken from Virginia -

Answer from y<sup>r</sup> Sachims  
That they could give no Liberty that Rum should be  
sold to the far Indians in their Country but faithfully  
promise not to hinder nor molest them, nor any of y<sup>r</sup>  
Traders in their going up or coming Down -  
You make Enquiry if here is an English  
Lyon. from Virginia, to which we answer that  
here is none