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Journal of M^r. Laurence Claese the
Interpreter of his Journey to the Six
Nations being translated into English
is as follows

In pursuance of my Instructions from the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany dated the ninth Sept. I went
to the Mohogge Country acquainted the Sachims there of the
decease of his late Majesty King George of glorious memory
and that his son prince george of the Accession of his pre-
sent Majesty King George the second to the Imperia-
-all Crowns of Great Britain France, and Ireland, from
thence I went to Onego and Tuskerovers and acquainted
those Sachims with the same,

On the 2th of Sept. I arrived at Onondage
where I found 160 men ready to go fighting by order
of the Governour of Canada of w^{ch} 48 of y^e went out
the same day I came there, whereupon I called the
Sachims and warriors to come together, I acquainted
them also of the Decease of his late Majesty King
George & of the acceptation of his present Majesty
King George y^e Second to the Imperia^l Crowns of
Great Britain &c and spake to y^e in name of
his Excet^{ty} William Burnet Esq^r &c our Governour
y^e he was very much surpris'd that they suffer'd that they
suffer'd themselves to be Commanded by the Governour of
Canada who has been always their Ancestors Enemy and
is so still who, by shew of friendship seeks to deprive y^e
of their land and priviledge where our Governour gives
sufficient instances of his sincere affection & friendship
towards the well being of the Six Nations which he Endeavors
to accomplish and intends to preserve in it

The King of France himself owns that the
Six Nations belong only to the Crown of Great Britain
Therefore brethren Desire you in his Excet^{ty} Name
that you do not fighting on y^e Command from y^e Gov^r
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of Canada but that you stay at home & go hunting for
the sustenance of your wives and Children, and not to
undertake nor do any thing without advice from brother
Corlaer and to fetch those Indians back who are gone
out fighting whereon I gave y^e two blankets shrouds Desir-
-ing y^e to give me an Answer at my return from the same
-hes Country

On the 27th I came at Cayage I acquainted
the Sachims also of the Decease of his late
Majesty & of y^e Accession of his present Majesty King
George y^e Second to y^e Imperia^l Crowns of great Britain
&c. I found at Cayage 140 men ready to go out fighting
to prevent w^{ch} y^e made y^e speake to y^e as I had done
above to the Onondages and gave y^e a blanket shrouds
they promis'd directly to stay at home & go on their hunting

On y^e 29th I arrived at the Senekes Country where I found
the Sachims & warriors people at home, who I acquainted with y^e
foregoing they promis'd me that none of their people should go fighting in
a years time because they saw y^e french were crafty & deceitfull where-
by they think to gett possession of the house at Onego, they told
forn to the Covenant which our and their fathers have made

I found a french Smith in the Senekes Castle with
his wife Children, and Servant who sold goods there to your Indian
-ans for skins & peltry, your Indians enquired of me if the Smith
from hence should bringe there to supply there necessity, if he
Did not they would be Dispatch'd about it,

The Sachims of the Senekes answered me to what I
had told y^e in name of the Six Nations y^e they were much
Concern'd to hear the Malancholy news of his late Majesty
they Rejoic'd again to hear y^e his son King George the
Second sits on the throne & hoped y^e his present Majesty might
might follow this fathers Steps for the welfare of the Kingdoms
of great Britain y^e the Might be as a tree which Reaches
to the heaven, & his branches may spread over y^e whole Earth
that they might rest under the shadow of those leaves, w^{ch} they
hope may never fade or whether y^e Roots thereof
may go through y^e Earth, that no storm or Tempest may
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