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to Capt. Banker to go on with the work are very necessary but while your Ex^{ty} is pleased to require our opinion in this matter with Submission we suppose that it would much conduce to y^e forwarding of the building if the 20 men went up with y^e Workmen who may be Assistant and Im-
-ployd Making the house, while there is but little de-
-pendance, y^e work of the traders for at best few will only Work their 6 Days and phaps not many will assist Unless they be well paid we think if y^e Soldiers & work-
-men up at one time y^e Indians will be less Jealous if y^e they should come afterwards the house may be so long making y^e the traders be most Returnd home & y^e the work-
-men wont care to be left Alone if workmen can be had on better terms at N. York then here they must understand to go up ag^t Rapid Water Else they cant get to the lake, We have Imployd Carpenters to make forthwith four batoes w^{ch} we think more Convenient for y^e men y^e Canoes,

The further presents of £10- for y^e for Indians shall sent Cap^t Banker as also y^e necessaries for y^e building w^{ch} y^e Ex^{ty} has been pleased to send p^{er} bot hoath

This Day agreed with Luykas Wyngeart W^m Boaret to fetch boards at M^r Coyemans for four batoes & knees for y^e Imployd Anthony Bogardus & Cornelis Bogart Carpenters to make four batoes

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May it please your Excel^{ty}

We had the hon^{or} to write your Ex^{ty} on the 20. Instant of Peter Winne, Since w^{ch} we Rec^d y^e Inclosed from Capt Banker of the 25. Ultimo wherein we are advic^d y^e y^e Gov^r of Canada has been speedily Informed of the design of our building at Oswego Even as conceive before it was determin^d to be done by your Excel^{ty} the french are certainly much Alarm^d at this building & will leave no means untaken with the five Nations to Oversett our design if possible they can compass it If they do y^e they again their view and become masters of our Indians who seem to be ag^t Erecting this house out of a vain Conject they Entertain y^e we shall treat them as the french have formerly done not Considering y^e we have always Supply^d & Assisted y^e & y^e is our Inten^t to treat to secure y^e future Insult of the french as we conceive that this Affair is of y^e last consequence to this province if it should miscarry So we may humbly hope that such proper Measures shall be taken y^e it may have y^e desired Effect and not leave y^e work till prevented by force & Violence of y^e french or Indians as y^e Ex^{ty} has already Orderd it will be very Necessary if y^e Indians be prevaild to Consent our making that Building for w^{ch} purpose it will be absolutely necessary y^e Laurence be forthwith dispatch to Assist Cap^t Banker & withall carry up y^e severall presents for y^e Indians not being able to treat with y^e Indians y^e men who has been his Interpreter is Returnd hither & none left with him who can speak y^e Indian tongue this men tells us y^e y^e Indians are strongly possess^d ag^t any building to be made by us

Cap^t Banker has sent us an acc^t of Charges one negro wench he Release^d in y^e Sinnekes Country am^t to £20- he has had much trou-
-ble to gett her & prevent y^e she should not be sent to Canada & make a path for other Slaves to defect y^e way we hope he may be Repay^d