

Gentlemen
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Albany 10 Sept 1725

Since our last offy. 8th Instant, we are assur'd by
one of this place who arriv'd last night in 13 days from
Canada. that 140 Indians we Inform'd you say
encamp'd near Chambly with design to go out agt your
frontiers are actually return'd home partly by the
people of this place and partly by their sachems
that of 150 Indians said to be out are gone to facture
yet we hear their number is uncertain neither can we
be inform'd whether they are in one body or in parts
but we are told that one party of 14 and another of
14 Indians are out who design to be skulking about
western frontiers of y^e last gray Lock is leader.
we hope these two parties may be discover'd & defeated
by your outposts to prevent their future attempts
but hear of Indians are weary of war and would long
since have come to terms of peace & submission if
the Gov^r of Canada & his priests did not encourage & sett
them on agt^y people of your Govern^t. it will be a
great satisfaction to us to hear of our advice of service
to y^e publick as we heartily wish it may be. the interest
is hope of Gov^r. w^{ch} we desire you to send to him with
all possible dispatch. (as also this letter for his perusal)
it bring as we suppose of consequence with respect
We Remain

To y^e Justices of peace at Westfield

hon. Sir

Albany 10 Sept 1725

We should think it a neglect of our duty as we
havey^e honor to be appointed by his Ex^{ty}. Gov^r Burnet
Esq^r to represent him here in Relation to Indian
affairs not to Inform you without loss of time of a
message this day brought & deliver'd by one of this
place (who arriv'd last night in 13 days from Canada &
who deliver'd us seven hands of wampum from y^e Gov^r)

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of y^e sachems of y^e Cahnawaggon Rendar & Shawanadie
Indians Living in Canada desiring thereby to speak
with you or some deputed by you, his Ex^{ty}. our Gov^r of
sachems of y^e Onontario at this City by y^e first of Oct^r was
but about what subject this proposed meeting is to be
we cannot Inform you. that the said y^e some sachems
of Cahnawaggon were at Cahnawaggon so that its
Conjecture that there may be some proposals made of
peace between you & them. which we heartily
wish may be brought to a happy & desired issue
since we hear of Indians themselves are weary of
this war but are vigorously sett on & supported by
the Gov^r of Canada & their priests. we write by this
Express to y^e Justices of Westfield Informing y^e of y^e
motion of y^e Gov^r. w^{ch} we desire you to send to you
for y^e better Information. we intend to advise
his Ex^{ty}. Gov^r Burnet of our proceeding in this affair
which we flatter our selves will be approved of by him
we Remain wth respect

To y^e Hon^{ble} W^m Drummer
Esq^r Secy of y^e Mass^{ts} Bay

your very humble servants
Henry Holland
Peter van Ruygh
Evert Banker
Ph. Livingston