

128^a To us that they will use their utmost Endeavours to
Prevent us from having any trade at all from any Indians
settled about Sagara on about the Lake of Cadaraughuihon.
this agrees with the treatie of Commerce your Ex^{ty} may be
best Judge. Received this Day a letter from maj. Abra^m.
Schuyler of the first Instant brought by three onahonage
Indians who say to be sent by the sachims to know the
Contents of the v^d. Letter w^{ch} was accordingly explaind
unto them, it seems that the Indians entertain very sus-
picious & jealous thoughts of us, and w^{ch} never will be
otherwise untill men of Experience & Conduet be posted &
Live ~~hand~~ among them. here are also two ^{other} Letters from
m^r. Schuyler Rec^d. y^r. 3rd Instant we have no more to
add at present but that we are with great Respect
May it Please your Ex^{ty}

Present
Henry Holland
Rob^t Livingston Jun^r
Peter van Brunt
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Ph. Livingston
Evert Woodce
Henry van Rensselaer
David van Dyck

At a Meeting of the Com^{rs} of
the Indian Affairs in Albany y^r. 1724th
Day of 15th March 1724/5 129

Answer from the Com^{rs} to the sachims of
Cachnawage & Schawmade

Brethren

We heard the speech you made to
us last Saturday, we are glad you explaind your selves
yesterday, and cleared up the mistake that happened, which
is to our satisfaction, and that you are come to accompany
our Child hither to inform us of the french designs, tho'
you do not speak in such a stile as you say your Ancestors
could do, yet we are pleas'd to find you as honest men as
they were, and that you speak your minds freely & in
plain terms, you do well to renew the friendship that
has always been between us & your Nations, at this place
appointed to treat about publick Affairs, and that you
kindle up the fire here after your manner, which we
do in like manner in your Castles, and do expect you will
keep firm to your former promises & engagements, as we
assure you we will do ours give a Belt

Brethren The Union & friendship that has been between our
and your Ancestors, and now is between us, which we
expect you'll keep inviolable, we have long since been
informed that there are six sachims at Cachnawage
out of which number two have been accepted by us as
Children of this Govern^{mt}. and are glad that one of
them is now come to do his Duty & to acquaint us
what he knows concerning matters of moment in rela-
tion to publick Affairs, and do thank you for Informing
us