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At a Meeting of the Com^y of Indian
affairs in Albany this 14th day of March
1721st Speech made by an oneyke Sachem

Brother Corlaer & quieder

I speak in the name of the Six Nations its not that
I have contrive what I am to say but its concluded by
all the nations what I shall now say, you have last summer
desired to build a house at Oswego, and you said at the
same time that that house should be to your & our Advan-
tage whereon we considered & did consent the building
of the same house but we found it on the contrary
that its not to our Advantage for we have not the liberty
when we come there to enter into the house to warm our selves
If they of any one obtains that liberty before he can be half
warm he is out Doors, we had also thought at the same
that we should have had goods cheaper then formerly but
find it the contrary for the powder is sold us there by the
Gill therefore Brother Corlaer & quieder we desire that we
may have powder cheaper there.

Brother the reason we desire that goods may be sold
us cheaper is that thereby you will encourage all the wa-
ganhoes & far Indians to come & trade with you & leave the
French at Canada, we cant much complain about the
price of Dry goods but only the powder & lead you sell too
dear you said also when you desired liberty to build the house
that it should be a house of peace but it seems often to be
the reverse as we suppose that you & Gov^t of Canada cant
often agree on the Subject and then there is again again
a time that you maintain a great friendship together.

Brother we desire that you will be pleased to give
us a speedy answer on the Subject that you will give us
powder & lead cheaper then you do now because it has
often happend that we have desired or proposed a matter
we never Rec^d any answer thereon gave a string of 7 hands
of Wampum

Answer

Brethren

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We are sorry to hear that you are concerned
and affected that the building at Oswego does not give you
such release as was first intended by our Gov^t to supply you
with powder & lead & other necessaries for your use & Convi-
-ence that the Commodities are not sold you there so cheap as
you would have them we shall not fail to inform our Gov^t
with your request that you may have a speedy & acceptable
answer we have no room to doubt but proper care will be
taken of Redress for you that powder & lead shall be
offered you there cheaper as has been sold last winter
it seems that the men there have not taken care to carry
with them such a supply as has been necessary for you & that
you have not been well Rec^d at the house is to be imput-
-ed & that our are not known to the Commander there
is a report that the French will take it by threat or
otherwise would be rec^d with savality its our Gov^t Chief aim
to induce the far Indians to come & trade with the people
of this province & you & he knows of greatest motive to draw
them is to give them goods cheap which you must acknow-
-ledge are sold at every low rate so recommend you to
give all the encouragement in your power & free trade is
Advantageous to us & you for the more trade we have the
greater quantity of goods we have to supply such trade as
it is a firm peace between the two Nations of Great Brit-
-tain & France so we & the French of Canada who are Sub-
-jects ^{must} as long as continues in friendship & good continuance
together wherefore we dont think that they will molest
us in the peaceable possession of the house at Oswego if they
should they break the peace they cant never justify such a viol-
-ation for pretending a right to your land we must needs give
you a certain not to join the French in their pretending war
against the fores^e nation of Indians Living on a breach
of the River of Mississippi with an intend to subdue it
for that only strengthen the French make them proud and
is drawing you from your habitations & bringing a war on
you