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A meeting of Council  
Indian Affairs in Albany  
Day of Feb 1725/6

It is Resolved by Council to give Lawrence  
Dowry following Instructions

By the Council of Indian  
Affairs at Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Dowry the Interpreter  
Whereas Indians of five Nations have but two  
Several messengers to Council last fall complaining of Rum being  
Sold unto their People by Traders at falls above Lake near  
Onondaga River which they conceive will be very pernicious if not  
prevented and where by many unhappy accidents may ensue.  
They acknowledge to have known liberty unto this & their Brother  
Clear John Burnett to sell beaver Soap at Lake. But they  
allege that he hath his people of Christians up meaning of Rum  
will <sup>men</sup> catch and therefore desired that no Rum might be carried  
up thro' their fort future. But that if Traders should only carry up  
dry goods to supply for Indians to the messengers of five Nations  
Expect an answer upon or may be and on failure thereof they are  
Informed if they have concluded to execute their Resolution in  
Relation to the affair and since its impracticable to prevent of  
young Traders to carry up Rum to Lake to trade with for Indians  
and in order to quiet minds of Indians you are hereby Required  
and Directed forthwith to go to Onondaga (taking a Commission with you)  
at your arrival there you are to Inform of Actions of five Nations in name  
of this Council & to Report of the same to the Council in Albany  
in Relation

in Relation to the Rum, not to be sold or Carried up to Lake. that they  
given orders that none of his people under his Government shall sell  
any strong Liquor unto any of the Nations at falls above Lake but that they  
are only to sell it to the Indians for their food & Encouraging of  
trade with them that his Majesty earnestly desires that none of his Traders be  
any way Interted or hindered in their trade with the Indians that his Majesty  
at his next meeting shall desire that and other affairs with you for the  
peace and welfare of you all. In the meantime its Expected that they and their  
young men will behave themselves peaceable to all his Majesty's subjects and not  
allow any French to reside in any of their Catches on. you are to lay  
down the whole of wampum hereunto delivered you

You are to use your best Endeavour to Release an English  
Boy which we are Informed is in some of the Indian Catches and taken  
from Virginia by some of the Nations of Canada Indians which shall  
be paid you as we are Informed that a French Smith with his family &  
Some other French men from Canada are at present in the Country. wh.  
if Confirmed to you at Onondaga you are to proceed to that place  
where you are to make the same Proposition as you are directed to do at  
Onondaga which you are also to Communicate unto the other Nations as you  
go along. you are to Inform your self how & in what manner of people  
are settled there and by whose direction and what their Chief Business is  
if it Beek for belonging to this Government to broake & if Indian they are  
accepted to work as Smith ~~settled~~ at present in the Country according to  
the Letter write unto him by Council. how the Indians are generally  
affected what number of Nations are gone out a fighting & agt  
what Nations and Generally what news you can learn of any  
movements among the Indians of all which you are to keep a full  
in Writing. Given under our hands in Albany Day of Feb 1725/6  
The Council of Indian Affairs