

Lances we shall come hither with a great number of our
people and abundance of beaver and peltry and then
our Sachims shall also come give a String of Wampum,
Answer

We are very glad that it has pleased Almighty God to
preserve your Sachims and people in good health & if they
have sent them to come hither to trade, we do assure you
and promise that if Land shall be kept open & free for
all your nation to come thither to trade as long as they
 demean themselves well and peaceable, as we sent you
word last Summer by the messengers they sent us at that time.
As to what you desire that some persons may suppose
you with Necessaries at Saratogue as cheap as they are here
because you all allowe if it is Difficult for the old men
to bring down their Skins hither w^t is a thing if we can
not promise you neither can any person afford y^t so cheap
as they are to be had here for y^t must consider if they must
be paid for bringing up the goods thither and if your young
men do bring down the Skins belonging to the old men do
bring down the Skins belonging to the old men or hire Steeds
to ride them Down w^t will be but a trifle Considering
how much Cheaper goods are here y^t at Saratogue
therefore we recommend you to tell your Sachims we de-
sire that they and all their young men do come hither
to trade while goods are much Cheaper than Ever they
had been

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May it please your Ex^{ty}

It would be very acceptable to us to hear
of your Ex^{ty} health and prosperity Inclosed your Ex^{ty}
has the Journall of Mr. Lawrence Claefe the Interpre-
ter to the Six Nations by relation it appears that the
Indians are well affected to the British Interest but in our
Opinion what has been thought begun to Secure them ought
to be perm^d. for they begin now to see of what Consequence
of building at Oswego will be w^t to them for they perceive
that we can defend and Secure them against the attempt of
the french of Canada which we humbly hope that our Assem-
bly will conceive that the Support of the Six Nations &
Security of our trade is of the Greater Consequence to this
province and that they will raise a sufficient Supply to
discharge the expence already layd out and what may be
wanting to lay out for the next year.

The Interpreter Informs us that the french Smith free-
ly trades among the Sennekes which we wish could be preven-
ted it seems a great hardship to us that the french may trade
there and our people be prevented to do the like by a law w^t
we beg your Ex^{ty} may be repeald by a Clause in any bill
that may pass this Session, w^t will be very acceptable to
who are with great Esteem and Respect

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