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Albany 16 March 1726

May it please your Ex^{ty}

We have been honoured with your Ex^{ty} Letter of y^e 10th Instant ~~forwarded to y^e S^{er}gent~~ with y^e Inclosed minute of Council and packet for Capt. w^h we forwarded Yesterday to y^e S^{er}gent Country in Obedience to y^e Ex^{ty} ord^s we have Inquired for palatines workman to make y^e Stone house but are Informed y^e there are now above y^e falls nor at Schohere we had a palatine mason here who lives at Schinnechtady he demands of spoem on his own diat from the day he sets out to his Return 2 Shirts Blankets gun powder we had likewise Masons & Carpenters of this town who Demand of spoem they have from time they go away to their return home all Impley here & this work being remote from their Abode Demand 12th more y^e their Usual days hoe here we have made no agreement being limited to palatines workman may probably be had Cheaper at N. York So I shall not proceed till we receive y^e Ex^{ty} further directions at this Affair y^e presents for Capt. Banker we shall gett ready to be sent with y^e workman with Submission we think it to be Very Necessary as this Journature y^e Lawrence Claese bestent to the onnondage to Capt. Banker Interpreter to Explain to y^e Indians y^e reason making this house for the use of y^e traders & it being a Matter of Consequence if it should be obstructed & there is No dependance on any trader y^e Goes up to Interpret for him

We have Inquired of y^e Traders who agree y^e there is Excellent Stones for building at y^e point of onnondage

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Onnondage river but now Can Inform us Whether there be Lime Stone or Not but y^e Measons tell us if y^e Stone be Good as is said the house may be made with flay & Sand. If so much lime Can be had for pointing y^e outside of y^e walls w^h must be tryd we Cant learn if a well Can be made in y^e Most Convenient place where y^e house ought to be Erected, but y^e banks of the Lake & river being Very near so y^e water maybe had without Diffeculty

We shall gett horses to be sent up Alson as y^e workman go up to buy two old horses will be Cheapest Adam Smith appears before this board demands of spoem to Work at y^e house at onnondage river 2 Shirts A blanket gun powder y^e Keth^l W^m Waldron mason Jaac Bogart mason & Nicolai Groesbeek Carp. Demand of spoem to Work at y^e house

- Present
- Ph: Livingston
- Myn: Schuyler
- Herd: Kensebaer
- Lancaster Symus
- Rutger Blecker
- Stephanus Groesbeek
- Nicolai Blecker
- Ryer Gruitse

Att a meeting of the Com^{ty} of the Indian Affairs y^e in Albany y^e 20th March 1726

We had the honour to receive a letter from his Excell^{ty} of the 13 Instant in answer to w^h the Com^{ty} writes as follows

May it please y^e Ex^{ty}

Albany 20 March 1726

After - Having write the foregoing your Excellency's favour of y^e 13th Instant came to hand whereby perceive that your Excell^{ty} doth not think Convenient to send any Soldiers till y^e house be finisht we do favourably hope y^e the french will not Attempt to hinder this building in time of peace on our land nor y^e of Indians be ag^t it Indeed y^e force of all the traders & of 20 men are but a trifle to what force the french Can bring there if they design to obstruct it, your Excell^{ty} orders to