

So much imposed upon by the English in regards that they gett not one Ounce of beaver or Skins but what is the refuse of the English, that if they dont Prevent it by Taking that house they may Labour under such hard usages forever, so that we must Conclude by what we can Learn that there is an Expedition Intended against the English, but whether it is ag^t ofwego or Albany we cannot Tell (If the Inclosed be True we have more reason to believe that it is ag^t Albany) and if it should be ag^t Albany The City is in no wise able to Defend themselves - It being in no Manner Fortified to resist an attack

Albany the 14th July 1729

M^r Laurens Clawen

The two young Indians that you sent us last in order to go to Canada being returned have done their business so well that they have given the comm^{rs} abundance of content in their Performances - and this Board having thought fit to Dispatch Two Indians again to Canada, Therefore the said Board do Order & Direct you to go forthwith to the Mohawks country and Provide a couple of as Trusty Indians as you can with whom you must come down here as soon as possible that we may dispatch them forthwith, If you can have Two as good Indians as the last it will answer well

- Prevent
- Myndert Schuyler
- Pultger Bleeker
- Stephanus Groesbeck
- Johannis Huyler
- Abraham Huyler
- Nicholas Bleeker
- Johannis Roseboom

At a Meeting of the comm^{rs} of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 21st July 1729

A Message from the Sachims of the Oneidas by Two Indians named Conghquindjah and Ottsiquahkusi viz^t

Brothers

We are sent here as Messengers from the Sachims of our Castle with a Token of their hands of Wampum to acquaint you of the great Loss -

Loss of our Warriors to the Number of Fifty five, so that we account our selves no more a Nation, and we deem our selves as a Nation utterly Perished

We and our Forefathers have kept to the lovent^t Chain between us without any manner of breach therein, and we come now to acquaint you that you must not expect to have the same dependance on us, you have hitherto had in regards that we reckon our selves no more a Nation

Brothers we Tell you that the Five Nations Exclusive of us have always been unsteady in their behaviour, Wavering between the English and French - but we for our Parts have always been Firm in our Principles, Endeavouring to do to the utmost of our power for the Advantage of the English Nations

And we further Acquaint you of the great Loss we have sustained by many of the Chiefest of our Warriors being kilt off, and we doubt not but you will be as sensibly affected wth our mournfull State, as we have reason to be our selves, which Time will produce to us in a clearer manner, how far you are concern'd for this our great Loss

And we Tell you with Tears in our eyes that you have at three severall Times forbid and interr:upted us to kilt off those Nations, which we then were Inclined to do, and therefore we can Lay the Charge of this great Misfortune to none but you alone and we do solely Lay it at your door - and we Tell you that last Summer when the Governour had summoned the Six Nations to come together, he recommended it to us in his proposition that we should endeavour to make Peace with all Nations which at that or any other Time should be at Variance wth us, for that would be the means of Strengthening us, for the more we could draw to us the better we should be in force And now this Summer when we were Engaged in this -