

Present  
 Peter v. Brugh  
 Ch. Livingston  
 Joh. Bleeker  
 E. Wendell  
 Hen. v. Renselaer  
 David v. Dyck

At a meeting of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the  
 Ind<sup>ns</sup> Affairs in Albany the 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of July 1724

Co<sup>ps</sup>  
 Com<sup>rs</sup>

Several far Ind<sup>ns</sup> being arrived at this  
 City appeared before this board & said

Brethren That they are come a vast way to see the Brethren  
 of this place and desire that they may have goods  
 cheap and large Keggs of Rum that the  
 Beav<sup>r</sup> and other skins they brought may be in  
 good Esteem, that the french have used their  
 Endeavours to prevent them coming here but they  
 would not hearken to them therefore desire  
 they may be pity'd & have goods cheap

The french told them to go to Canada and  
 not to this place for they would certainly be  
 poisoned here but we have taken no notice  
 of what they say, but they have prevail'd  
 on thirty Canges w<sup>th</sup> Ind<sup>ns</sup> to go to Canada partly  
 by fair perswasions & partly by threatening  
 who intended to come hither

That as it is an ancient Custom among them  
 to bury the Sachims that die of their neighbouring  
 nations, and they do now in like manner bury  
 Coll<sup>l</sup> Schuyler for w<sup>th</sup> they lay down a few drest  
 Deer Skins & a Beav<sup>r</sup> Coat and desire they may  
 have the like kind Reception as if he was alive

They desire by a Calumet pipe that y<sup>e</sup> path  
 may always be Clean open and free for them  
 to come to this place to trade that the Sun  
 may shine Clear over them and that when we  
 smoke out of it we may have good thoughts  
 about them to give them goods cheap

That they <sup>are</sup> have come a great Journey and  
 have undergone a great fatigue & are poor

AND Lean therefore desire a supply of  
 Provisions. —  
 The Com<sup>rs</sup> told them they should  
 provide for them and give them an answer  
 to morrow.

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The Com<sup>rs</sup> answer to the far  
 Indians

Brethren It pleases us that you are come hither  
 to trade and have not given Credit to the french  
 who have endeavour'd to hinder you which they  
 do w<sup>th</sup> no other view but to send you to Canada  
 to let you pay an extravagant price for goods  
 for they are well assur'd that goods are cheap  
 here, and what you can buy for two Beavers  
 here you must pay eight for at Canada  
 and you can buy large Keggs & Rum cheap  
 then ever you bought them

The Caution the french have given you that  
 we should poison you they do not think that  
 any such thing should happen <sup>unto</sup> you, but they  
 are very sensible when you come here to trade  
 you will be poisoned with the cheapness of  
 your goods that you will never go again to  
 Canada but carry on your trade hither which  
 we hope will not only induce you but encour-  
 age all the upper Nations who are Enter'd in  
 the Covenant w<sup>th</sup> this Govern<sup>t</sup> to come to trade  
 with the Inhabitants of this Province you  
 may be assur'd that the path from your several  
 habitations shall be open and free for you to pass  
 and repass as you shall have occasion It con-  
 cerns us that the thirty Canges w<sup>th</sup> far Ind<sup>ns</sup>