

Present  
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All a meeting of the Com<sup>d</sup> of the Indian Affairs in Albany  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1728

Sup<sup>r</sup> Com<sup>d</sup>

A Sachim of the Indians Called Senondadi<sup>r</sup> -  
named Schagiere Living near a french Settlement  
Called by them Detroit appeared before the Com<sup>d</sup> and  
said  
Brethren

I see you are mett together, tho' you are not all known  
unto me. I am informd that you do Represent his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the  
Gov<sup>r</sup>: therefore I desired to see you. and tell you of Jam  
Com<sup>d</sup> a Road which you have opened for all the Indians  
who live in the upper Countries to come to trade with  
the Inhabitants of this place.

The Sachims of my nation knowing of my Intention that  
I was Resolved to ~~go~~ <sup>come</sup> hither on purpose to trade, have  
desired me to deliver you a message from them <sup>that they</sup> have  
heard at their Castle that they have lost a Brother who  
died lately at this place, (meaning Col<sup>l</sup> Schuyler) and its  
naturall that they should be Concerned for the loss of a  
good friend & Brother, you are sitting as weeping  
for that great loss. and by this String of wampum  
we do wipe of your tears

Brethren I do not speak in my name but in the name  
of the Sachims who sent me, who are very thankful  
that you sent messengers to them & severall for Indian  
Nations to come to trade with the Inhabitants of  
this Province. who did assure them in your name  
that they and their people & all upper Nations should  
always be welcome hither and that the path should be  
Clean & free to pass & Repass without the least molestation  
and if the more of y<sup>e</sup> Nations come hither with beaver  
& peltry to trade if more Merchandise would be here  
to supply them withall & y<sup>e</sup> cheaper, which we do

now find to be so. therefore ~~ask~~ <sup>ask</sup> and are persuaded y<sup>e</sup>  
you keep your Promises for which Return you thank  
gave abelt of wampum

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That the Sachims are Informd that Col<sup>l</sup> Peter Schuyler  
& M<sup>r</sup>. Hend. Hanson are dead who were true friends to  
the Indians, wherefore they desire that their Eldest Sons  
the Indians, that they may grow under y<sup>e</sup> <sup>same</sup> <sup>protection</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>others</sup> may  
may be accepted in their places, gave abelt <sup>of wampum</sup>

That you may Injoyre your people to sell us good Rum  
for we are great Lovers of Liquor, they do often put water  
in what they do sell us. which by the heat of the  
weather before we can gett home becomes of little use  
to us gave a few things.

Answer of the Com<sup>d</sup>

We are very glad to see you here and that you are con-  
on such a good Emant from the Sachims of Senondadies -  
we desire you to Return them thanks for y<sup>e</sup> Concern they  
seem to have for the death of our Brother who you  
Condole by string of wampum to wipe of our tears  
we do in like manner Condole the dead of all your  
Nation gave a string of wampum

We are very well pleasd that your Sachims have taken  
Notice of y<sup>e</sup> message was sent to Encourage them & y<sup>e</sup> far  
Indians to come hither to trade with the Inhabitants of  
this Province, we do in behalf of his Ex<sup>ty</sup> our Gov<sup>r</sup>:  
Promise & Engage y<sup>e</sup> the path he has opened for all y<sup>e</sup> far  
Nations shall always be kept Clean & open for y<sup>e</sup> small  
and do assure you that shall be always welcome  
whenever they do come. we conceive that goods are  
Sold at a very moderate rate as we think you can  
reasonably desire: that the traders do put water in y<sup>e</sup>  
Rum they do sell you is what we shall discontinue  
as much as we can in our Power. by your keeping a