

The following Letter was wrote To the Governour

May It please your Excellency

We have Received your Excellencies favours of the 29<sup>th</sup> of last month relating the French priest. M<sup>r</sup> d'Indevay writes us that M<sup>r</sup> Butler does not Incline to stay with him as Interpreter, and recommends three persons (to wit) John Disher Jun<sup>r</sup> Jacobus Myndert-son and Arent Steeven, as the Only men that are fitt for that Service we believe them to be fitt persons, as his many others, but we doubt whether any of the Three would undertake to go at this Time, what- ever your Excellency orders herein shall be punctually observed.

We send you Excellency herewith a memorial of what is evidently necessary for the Security of this County against the Enemy which we humbly offer to your Excellencies Consideration

We hope the Assembly will have so true a sense of the Countries Interest, as will induce them Speedily to take the necessary Steps to secure the province against any Invasion or Attempts whatsoever, to which we are convinced your Excellency will contribute All in his power, We are

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Memorial of what the Commissioners of Indian Affairs judge necessary to be ordered by the Governour for the Security of the County of Albany against the Attacks of the french and to secure the Six Nations of Indians in their Fidelity to his Majesty.

1. The Fort at Oswego to be better fortified the wall being in a very bad condition, and platforms to be built to mount the cannon on, and ramparts to be made, and whatever repairs in said fort to be repaired with all speed. A Troop of 40 men and an Officer of the Militia of this province with 10 Indians of the Six Nations to be sent to the said Garrison to defend the

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Said, with provisions to subsist themselves and the men that are already there for a year, and a sufficient Quantity of Powder ball and Grana- does &c. Also an Interpreter to be sent to that Garrison.

2. Thirty men to be sent as Outscouts to watch the Motions of the french between Albany and Canada, and as the Indians can go farther into the French Country unsuspected, we think it also proper that 10 Indians should be kept in pay for that purpose to Inform our outscouts of what they may discover in the Enemies Country.
3. An Outscout of 10 men and an Officer to be constantly kept out from the Township of Schenectady to the carrying place of the Lake St. Sacrament there to meet the other outscouts. II 289
4. A Fort to be built at the carrying place leading from Hudsons river to the Wood creek, upon the banks of the said river and that it be Garrisoned with an Officer and Thirty men, who if they cant be spared out of the regular Troops shant be detached out of the Militia of this province, and all houses & places of strength near said fort ought to be removed.
5. A Fort to be built in the Dutchess Country to be Garrisoned with 40 or 50 men together with a Smith Armourer and Interpreter, this and the securing Oswego we conceive to be the only methods, that can be taken or put in practice, to secure the Indians in their Fidelity to his Majesty which is rendered wavering by reason they have not any place of shelter to secure themselves from the Attacks of the French. before this be done it will be proper to Acquaint the Indians and to let them know it is for their Security only.
6. That Three Companies of the Militia of the Lower Counties be sent up hore to assist and defend this City.
7. Our Allowances ought to be augmented to £300. - p. Annum at y. Cost. which will hardly be sufficient to defray the expences which we will of necessity be put to, at this time for presents to the Indians and other necessary charges.
8. Whereas we are Informed that the Assembly have raised a sum of money for powder, for the defence of this Colony, and as we are on the Frontiers, we dont not but your Excellency will order us our proportion.