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The Com^{rs} Read this day two letters
from maj^r. Abraham Schuyler dated at Onondaga
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May it please your Excellency

It is with no little concern that the Intelligence
we had from Montreal, and we inform your Excellency
with that the French were sending up a number
of men to Sagara province there are now 120 men
as Major ph. Schuyler advises us, and now we have
an adv^t. that the 2 vessels build by the French at
Cagarachquis pass by the mouth of the Onondaga
River bound to Sagara with Lime &c. to make the
above building this may and we humbly conceive
will prove of fatal consequence to this Province
in particular, and very destructive to the fur Trade
by what we are assur'd that this building is to be
at the South Side of Sagara River, where is a good
harbour for vessels and conveniently situated
to intercept all the fur trade of the upper nations
and even of our Indians who must pass by that
place as they come from their hunting, who cant
avoid passing by that place or so near it that the
French there will trade with them, they are to
have a large store of goods there for supplying
the Indians - We hope your Ex^{ty} will be pleased
to take such proper measures as your Excellency
in your great wisdom shall seem most proper
to frustrate the French pernicious Designs, in pre-
venting this building on Land belonging to the
Indians we are assur'd that 400 men of y^r militia at Mon-
treal are detach'd to be ready on the first notice
to go up to Sagara, if the Indians should restrain
them from making that building, by this and
their other vigilant actions it appears plain
to us