

Brothers

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That in our journey to Boston before we arriv'd  
 there several people were murdered by Indians  
 & when we came there the Govern<sup>t</sup> offer'd us the  
 Hatchett of War by a Belt to fight against the  
 Eastern Indians whereon we took a Consultation  
 and thought proper to take Col<sup>l</sup> J<sup>n</sup>. Schuyler  
 among us & desired his Advice and Consent  
 how we should act in that matter on which  
 he gave his Vote in behalf of the Govern<sup>t</sup> of  
 New York to take up the Hatchett of War & then  
 we all in behalf of our 8 Nations mutually Con-  
 sented to take up each a Hatchett of War ag<sup>t</sup>  
 the Eastern Ind<sup>s</sup>. We took up one & then we  
 took up each one after the Speaker had said  
 this he was stop'd and they equivocated that  
 Col<sup>l</sup> Schuyler had not taken up the Hatchett  
 Nevertheless we desired that the Govern<sup>t</sup> of  
 Boston should acquit the Kings of great Bri-  
 tain and France what blame is kindled by reason  
 of this Ind<sup>s</sup> War It is not reasonable they should  
 suffer any of their plantations to be in war and  
 they at the same time in peace in Europe that  
 they might speedily order that this War should  
 cease on w<sup>ch</sup> they gave a Belt of Wampum and  
 what answer they did receive might be that we  
 might be acquainted therewith next year  
 They desired us not to disswade any of our young Men  
 from going to war ag<sup>t</sup> the Eastern Ind<sup>s</sup> who are in-  
 clined to go out which we promised & before we  
 departed from Boston 6 Men of our Nations went  
 out in 2 Troops ag<sup>t</sup> the Eastern Ind<sup>s</sup> That when we  
 go out a fighting we shall be provided w<sup>th</sup> ammu-  
 nition from Col<sup>l</sup> J<sup>n</sup>. Schuyler at Albany and  
 when we bring a scalp he is to pay us the premium  
 of £100 for each  
 After the Ind<sup>s</sup> were w<sup>th</sup> drawn Mend. of Ind. In-  
 form'd this Board of 8 Nations have not acted any  
 thing at Boston without the Consent & Approbati-  
 on of Col<sup>l</sup> John Schuyler

Co<sup>l</sup>. John Schuyler

Albany the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1723

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Sir

We have Received yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant where-  
 by perceive that a number of 60 or 80 Ind<sup>s</sup> attacked 2 Small  
 Forts at Northfield that morning, we are Concerned for the  
 Loss of the Men they have killed and other mischief they  
 have Done, you are pleased to Intimate that if a number  
 of the 6 Nations together with some of the River Indians  
 were dispatched might probably arrive at Otter Creek  
 before the Enemy reach there and be capable of doing  
 Service, We are of Opinion that if 80 or 90 Indians of the  
 6 Nations were in Town and had Canoes provisions  
 and Ammunition Ready and Immediately dispatched  
 might probably do some Service, but as here are not  
 above four or five young Indians; the sending to their  
 Settlements would take up so much time in their  
 coming hither and getting ready for such an Enter-  
 prise that it would have no Effect, We hope your  
 forces may have defeated the Enemy we remain  
 with Respect. Sir

Your humble Servants

was Sign'd Henry Holland  
 Joh<sup>n</sup>. Cuyler  
 Evert Bancker  
 Philip Livingston  
 Evert Wendell  
 John Collins  
 Joh<sup>n</sup>. Bleeker