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And therefore they say that since they have voluntarily
come to settle wth us they expect that their Skins may not be
under Rated, and that they may at all occasions have our
goods at reasonable Prices, and they acquaint us that they
have heard no news at the Maguac Lands or all along their
Journey. So that they desire that if the Comm^{rs} have any
News they may acquaint them of it

Albany 20. June 1729

Brothers

Answer to the Two Sachims of the Six
Nations of Indians viz:

We acquaint you that we receive you very kindly that we
have the honour to smoke out of the great Pipe of Peace wth
you, and are glad to find that you are well pleased wth having
the Path from you to us so Clean and Clear, for w^{ch} we are thank-
full to your Forefathers and you, and you may be assured
that we will always endeavour to keep the same Path clean &
Clear as long as the Sun shines, that you may not be obstru-
cted of coming to us; and you may assure your Brethren
at your return that they shall meet the same Path always
Clean and Clear for them as well as you, and that you may
all expect good usage from us on all occasions, as likewise
you may be satisfied, that if you Trade wth us you shall meet
wth Free Liberty therein to go to whom you please, and be
honestly and kindly dealt withall, as to the French Endeav-
ouring to detain you from coming here, you may depend
as we have before said that you shall meet wth all imaginable
good usage from us, and we are thankful for your
resolution to come here and you may be well informed
and assured that you can buy more for 1 beaver wth us
than for 3 wth the French, and we do Tell you that the
Two great Kings of England and France are in Peace
and in such an alliance that all Nations in their
Dominions may have Free Liberty To Trade over the
Same without Molestation of French or English
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We have no news that is bad to acquaint you wth at pres^t
but if we hear of any for Time to come you may depend upon
it that we will acquaint you of it and never keep it to us
alone; We thank you for your Presents and in return we
give you a pair of Shrouds, and some Rum & Provisions for your
Journey, and we send Two Waggones to Carry you & your
Provisions to Schneckladg. We wish you a good Journey
home and desire you may give our kind service to your
Brethren

Albany the 2. July 1729

May it please your Exc^y

This is to acquaint your Exc^y that
the Two Indian Messengers whom we sent last Canada are
returned the 20. Ult^o and gave us an acc. as followeth that
when they came at Cachenabaga Castle the Indians Told them
that there was great Preparations making for a War and that
there was a great number of Battoes made at an Island belonging
to Moni Laquille, and our Messengers having not as yet
seen them, therefore asked some of the Sachnawaga Indians to go
out a Fishing wth them in regards that they thought that it
would be more satisfactory to the Comm^{rs} that if at their return they
could Inform them that they had seen them, and as they went
to Fish and came to the aforesaid Island they desired the
Sachnawaga Indians, that they might go ashore upon the
Island and smoke a Pipe wth them w^{ch} they accordingly did
and then saw upon the Island a considerable number of
Battoes which in the best of our Messengers Judgement exceeded
a hundred in Number, and were further Informed that there
was a great many more made down the river and Elsewhere
and further our Messengers Inform us that the French have
Prepared a house full of bread and were still busie to bake
more, and that their design is to Take Oswego, for that house
is so great a Detiments to them as they say and that they are
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