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At a Meeting of y^e Com^{rs} of y^e Indian Affairs in Albany y^e 6th of August 1727

Two of y^e Chief sachims of Onake being Sinneke Sheweth unto y^e Com^{rs} 4 Strings of wampun whereby they say y^e y^e same was sent by y^e Jonondadeys from onnesagronde unto y^e Six Nations & to y^e Com^{rs} to make known y^e y^e of y^e Jonondadees with 3 men formerly taken prisoners from y^e flatt heads were gon to the flatt heads to make a peace with y^e but not yet returned
2^{dly} Brotheren. I make known to you y^e I have been with 4 Nations of y^e far Indians Medewandany nichheypko, wifsefak & Jonondadeke, & have taken much trouble & pains to perswade y^e into y^e Interest of this Governmt to w^{ch} they have hearkned & are now become our friends, butt there are still more far nations if any of y^e should happen to come & give opportunity to us of makeing any propositions they say y^e they have nothing in hand to speake & invite y^e to y^e Interest of this province therefore they resolved to come here to their brethren in Albany w^{ch} are rich & well stocked with goods, & therefore desire to be supplyd with goods on y^e purpose as being for y^e Interest of this Governmt.

3^{dly} Brotheren we Desire y^e we may be supplyd with y^e Smith & Stock maker Living at schinechtady Called Post Van Syzen

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Answer to y^e propositions of y^e Sinneke Sachims.

Brothren we do in behalf of his Excellency salute you & assure you y^e we are very glad to see you ^{have} in health
Brothren it will be a great Satisfaction to his Excl^{ty} as it is to us of your Endeavour y^e you have taken so much pains in bringing y^e far nations of Indians into our ~~nations~~ Interest w^{ch} we take to be an Equal Benefit for us & our brethren of Six Nations we shall acquaint his Ex^{ty} with our proceedings in y^e Affair.

Brothren you know y^e we have built a house at Oweys by Consent of the Brothren of Six Nations we perceive y^e y^e french at Canada are much against it pretending that they have a right to y^e place Brothren that house is not only a security for our traders but also a great security for our brethren the five nations were by the french will be prevented to attack our brethren we know very well y^e y^e french By false instigations shall Endeavour to insinuate our brethren to resent y^e good work but we know very well y^e our brethren are wise & prudent & shall never hearken to y^e false stories & Instigations of y^e french who always Endeavour to break y^e Covenant Chain & desire you will do your utmost Endeavour with y^e rest of our brethren to secure y^e P. house when ever y^e french or their Indians should attempt to dispose us of y^e same, as for y^e Smith we shall Acq^t y^e Govern^{mt} with y^e same, you may be sure of being supplyd with one