

and seized them in the Kings Name, By putting
 the Broad Arrow on several pieces wth Chalk, and asked
 the Serj^t. for Advice what to do, who said stay you
 here, and I'll go and fetch a stronger Guard w^{ch}
 when done heard, J^r Mich^l. Schuyler & Jacob Wendel
 speak to the Ind^s in the Ind^s Language, where on
 the Ind^s went about to ty up the Strowds, then
 the Deponant seized the Strowds over again
 and J^r had a Care what you do, I have seized
 them in the Kings Name, not being able to carry
 them off the J^r Deponant went wth the J^r Buckley
 to the Black house, when come there sent a
 Corp^t wth a Detachment of six Men to the
 afores^d. place, who went to the J^r place & found
 the J^r party was gone wth the Strowds and
 further faith not was signed *James Blood*

Gurad Ceram me
 was signed Pieter van Brugh

- Present
 Henry Holland
 Rob^t Livingston
 Johⁿ Cuyler
 Evert Bancher
 Philip Livingston
 John Collins
 Johⁿ Bloescher
 Evert Wendel
 Hend^r v. Kerfelaer

At a meeting of the Com^{rs} of the Indian
 Affairs in Albany the 12th of October
 1724
 Resolved by this Board to write
 the following Letter to his Excellency

Sir
 Our last was the 3^d. Instant where to we
 take leave to refer, We begg your Excel^{ty} pardon
 in omitting to acquaint your Excel^{ty} of the arrival
 of three french Men from Montreal who went
 to

To New York of W^m Cornach Ten Eyck last Week
 Inclosed is Lieu^t. Bloods report in Relation
 to the Seizee lately made of 500^l Strowds
 W^m. Hansen & Cornelis Cuyler are returned from
 Canada & since their arrival are brought to this place
 117 packs Bed^s. besides dr: Deer, several Canoes yet
 expected, w^{ch} we suppose cant be for Christian
 Goods only, the Sheriff has a Warrant to
 apprehend the J^r Hansen & Cuyler to bring them
 before this Board, in order to tender the J^r Oath
 provided by Act of gent^l Assembly for preventing
 illegal Trade wth the Subjects of a french King.
 the first has been brought before us who has
 taken the J^r Oath. the last keeps close & not
 yet to be Taken, until as we suppose, he sends
 another parcel of Strowds by this party of Indians
 now in Town, and how people can take the said
 Oath so surprizing, who receive large quanti-
 ties of Bed^s. for it's plain the french covet no-
 thing more then Strowds, and by what we can
 learn will sufficiently be supplied for the next
 Season, w^{ch} will wholly evade your Excell^{ty} good
 purposes to promote a Trade wth the far Ind^s. how
 to prevent this pernicious Trade is a ^{great} Mystery
 to us, but find its not in our Power since a few
 Men break thro' the severest Laws that can
 be Invented for the good & Prosperity of this
 Province in gent^l. tho' we shall resolve to
 tender the J^r Oath to whole families among
 whom ^{any} may be suspected, and if it cannot be
 found out & prevented by that Method, We with