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At a meeting of the Commis-  
 sioners of the Indian Affairs  
 In Albany the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of May  
 1723

Twenty Indians of the far Nations being  
 arriv'd at this City to trade with the Inhabitants  
 of this place: who in their coming down from  
 the In<sup>d</sup> houses built for them on the Hill  
 play'd with a Calumet pipe of Peace and  
 Sung after their Custom which being done  
 appear'd before the Com<sup>rs</sup> and made the following  
 Speech

Father Corlaer

We are come to this place to  
 visit you our Father meaning his Excellency  
 our Govern<sup>r</sup> and hope we may be civilly and  
 kindly ~~entertained~~ treated

The French have for these  
 four years past prohibited the selling of  
 Rum unto us; on which our Sachins told  
 them that they had concluded to go and buy  
 Rum of their Father Corlaer meaning  
 the Inhabitants of this Province gave  
 a few skins

We your Children are sent  
 by the Sachins of our several Castles in  
 hope to meet with a kind Reception from  
 our Father with a pure and Clean  
 heart

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Heart. we have found the path from our  
 Castles to this place open and clean free  
 from all Weeds and hope it may be so  
 in our Return home and that we may  
 have cheap penny worths to show and  
 Encourage those Indians who may  
 meet us in our way home gave a few  
 Skins

They presented the Commissioners  
 with a Calumet Pipe to be kept by  
 them and shown when any of their  
 Nations come here. and desire they  
 may have pure Rum not mixt with  
 Water that and cheap goods will en-  
 courage many of their Nations to  
 come and trade here

Answer to the In<sup>d</sup> Indians

Children

We are glad that you are  
 come to visit your Father you do well  
 not to hearken to the bad Council  
 of the French you have already had  
 Sufficient proof of our friendship  
 and the civil and kind Treatment  
 towards you and other upper Nations  
 who have been here. we suppose  
 you can easily distinguish the  
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