

Albany 27 April 1726
May it Please yr Excellency

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yours Ex^{ty} favours of y^e 25th March on y^e Receipt
whereof w^{as} sent for Major A. B. Schuyler who as soon
as he came to Town we acquainted him with your
Ex^{ty} pleasure for his going in y^e Indian Country to
quiet their minds he accepted to go on Credit of your
Ex^{ty} Letter we thought it necessary to give him
Instructions Copy whereof is here enclosed Hoping
his Message may have y^e Desired Effect. and y^e y^e
assembly will provide for the Charges he has £25. in
Presents to the Indians besides Blankets & Crowns
to be employd Instead of Belts of Wampum Its very
acceptable to us y^e y^e Ex^{ty} concurs with us y^e its
Necessary to have persons of Experience among y^e
Indians with out w^h they will certainly alienate in
their affection & fidelity to his Majesty

We hear of many that are gone to trade to y^e
westward even to Number of 50 Canoes. People incou-
rage that trade now to Emulation even those who were
at first agst it if our People be not interrupted by y^e
French they will gett a Large Share of their trade
this Summer - we are Informd y^e a number of men
are gone from Montreal to Sagara Some say to build
a fort there what there Design may be they conceal
from us as long as possible

Inclosed is a Petition to your Ex^{ty} from the
Inhabitants of Fort Hunter Desiring a Law for
Restraining People to buy y^e Corn from y^e Indians
there & Selling y^e Rum w^h has been found by Experi-
ence to very Destructive to y^e it would conduce
much for y^e benefit of y^e Inhabitants there to obtain
Such a Law but they ought to debar as well as others
from buying Corn from y^e Indians & Selling Rum

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