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As we have but little Land at Schaakhook we do propose that part of our number shall live there and part at Sinkhijack where is good Land & a plentiful Country for ~~your~~ hunting give cutting of wampum

We have some of our arms & hatchett here that are out of repair. which we desire y^r father to gett Repaired for us to Enable us to go a hunting gave a string of wampum Since you have proposed that some men of our number should be appointed as Sachims & leading men every Rest we leave it to you to nominate them

The Com^{rs} answer

We have heard your speech and shall first tell you that we considered who to appoint for your Sachims & Leading men and have thought fitt to nominate six including the two old Sachims viz. nanwatabickam aspenoot. Wapelanrie, Kakaghsarveet. mashequant and akamsomett. whom we exhort you to obey in all their Lawfull Comands and on the decease of any the six we have thought proper that nansasant shall succeed in the Room of the Deceased.

We think it absolutely necessary that you send for those of your people who are gone to Canada to Return home and those who have Committed faults shall be forgiven

The Inhabitants at Schaakhook that do annoy you in your quiet Settlement of your Land shall be directed to Let you enjoy the same peaceably. that you may reap y^r Comforts of the shadow of the tree of peace & friendship. you may do your pleasure to settle part of your people at Sinkhijack for ~~your~~ better hunting

We shall order ^{1 gun} your hatchett to be mended & to Return you thanks for the present of vinegar. to Enable you to hunt for your selves we give you 20 lb powder 40 lb Lead a Barrel strong beer & to the King's health ~~water~~ for Each of

the Sachims a shirt and four old Sachim nanwatabickam a Blanket & one d^r for waleghlanet 67

At a Meeting of the Com^{rs} of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 7th day of January 172³/₄

Present

- Henry Holland
- John Cuyler
- Peter Brugh
- Philip Livingston
- John Collins
- John Blecker
- Evert Wendell

Com^{rs}

Lawrence Case the Interpreter being returned from the Indian Country where he went by order of this board pursuant to his Instructions dated the 10 of November where he arrived the third of December and sent immediately for some of the principal Sachims who were on hunting to whom when come there he communicated to them his message as he also did to Sachims of the other Nations in his going thither who consulted several days before they gave an answer. and then said they returned the Com^{rs} thanks for the message he brought to be sent to the far Ind^s that they had for some time had bad suspicion that the french would use all artifices to prevent those Indians coming to trade with this Province and could give no credit that the french would have them come to Canada in the Spring to assist the Eastern Ind^s against Wngland since they are alone able to keep them in alarm, but think that