

Present
 Peter Schuyler
 Henry Holland
 H. and. Hanson
 John Cuyler
 Peter van Brugh
 Evert Brantker
 Philip Livingston
 John Collins
 John Roddsee
 John Bleecker

4^a A meeting of the Com^d of
 the Indian Affairs in Albany
 the 9th day of Jan^y 1722

Resolved that the following Letter
 be writ to his Ex^t W^m. Burnet Esq^r

Albany the 9th January 1722
 May it please your Excellency

We are honoured with your Excellency's favour
 of the 20th December whereby we perceive that
 your Ex^t thinks no news from our parts com-
 monly good news, we hope what we now intimate
 by your Ex^t's Directions will bear of same
 Character

Inclosed is the Relation of 8 Deputies
 of the five Nations who are returned from New
 England with Lawrence Claese

We observe your Ex^t has consented
 Government of Boston should treat with the Indians
 of the five Nations and desire to know from
 us when that may be done, and that if Indians
 may be advised to send what fighting men
 they can spare to go with the people of Boston
 a fighting against the Eastern Indians and begg
 your Ex^t to give us Directions how when
 and in what manner that is to be done the
 most convenient time to have said Meeting
 here we humbly think will be the first day
 of May next when the Indians come from their
 hunting

Withall

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With all due Submission we are of opinion
 in regard to the Circumstances of this
 that advising our Indians to go a fighting
 against the Eastern Indians & Engaging them
 in that War may be of Dangerous Consequence
 to the Inhabitants of this Province and
 may be a means to involve this Government
 in a more desperate War with the Eastern
 and the Canada Indians then it has been at
 the Eastward for it is very visible to us that
 as soon as our Indians are joined & Engaged in
 that War the Governor of Canada will find
 use his Endeavour to send his Indians living
 near him (who at his first Application he
 refused their assistance to those Indians) but after
 our Indians are Engaged by this Government he will
 if possible compel his Indians to join the Eastern
 Indians which we have reason to believe he will
 get affected and then we may naturally con-
 jecture that our five Nations, and the Canada
 Indians will be in an actual War together, and
 we by the treaties of peace not able publick-
 ly to assist the five Nations according to
 our Engagements at the several Treaties
 betwixt us. the most proper means to prevent
 this Inconveniency we humbly propose will
 be that our Indians may be privately advised to
 send some Deputies to the Canada Indians to
 be neutral and not engage themselves in this
 War when our Indians have undertaken it, &
 this can't be done but at a particular Ex-
 pence of the Government

Upon the whole matter we find that
 the Government of Boston Endeavours as much
 as possible to get our Indians in their particu-
 lar Interest having entertained & clothed
 them after an Extraordinary manner so
 can't avoid being of opinion that our Interpo-
 sition