

765a According to your former Promises and Engagem^{ts}
I desire you to give and Grant unto your Kind Fathers
His Most Sacred Majesty a convenient Tract of Land to
be cleared and Manured for his Men to raise Provisions
for them and Pasturage for their ^{Give a string} Cattle; I hear that you
have been often apprehensive that a Trade wth the far Nations
would be to your Prejudice, as that it would Make the
Goods you want dear. But I am assured ^{you} that the Woolen
Manufactory in England is able to supply the whole
~~Christian~~ World. Therefore the greater Trade is carryed on
the more and greater will be the Supply and Cheaper
than formerly; and I do intreat you to be kind to the
Traders and not Molest them as they go up but to let
them pass quietly Give a string of Wampum

I am informed that the Indians from Canada who are
gone up wth the French Army ag^t a Remote Nation of
Indians have been Among you Endeavour'd to Intice
your young men to go to War wth them ag^t a People who
never do any nor Molest you am glad they have refus'd
to Joyn wth them, whereby you show you Endeavour to
cultivate a good Understanding with those Indians
Make them thereby your Friends and Encourage the
good Design of Promoteing a Trade wth us and you;
I do Expect they will Persewte in their good Deportments
Towards those and all other Remote Nations which
will be a Means to strenghten your Alliances and
Make you a great People - Give a string of Wampum
I do Inform you that His most Gracious Sovereign King
George my Mast. your Indulgent Father has order'd me to make
you in his name a Handsome Present in such Goods as are
most suitable for you wth you shall Receive as soon as you
shall have Given me your answer - Give a string

By the Comm^r of the Indian Affairs at
Albany 266

Instructions for Captⁿ Verplank and William
Linthorpe Jun^r To Oswego

Whereas the generall Assembly have
thought fitt that two proper men be sent to Oswego
for the space of six Months - You are hereby
Required to go South with in Company with the
Men who go up now wth Batow to carry up Provi-
sions to Oswego. and use your utmost Endeavours
that they may be safely Delivered to the Command^r
Officer of his Majesties Troop Posted at
Oswego. on your arrivall there you are to abide
and stay there for the space of six Months -
after your Departure from thence - and serve
as Interpreters for the Officer and to advise wth him
from Time to Time what is best and most proper
for his Majesties Service, and you are to go such
Messengers either to this place or to the Indians
or Elsewhere as shall be Necessary for the Service
and generally to do all things which shall be
Proper and Necessary according to the best of
your ability; you are to Demand and receive
Provisions during your stay there from Captain
John Rice or the Commanding Officer for the
Time being the Assembly having Provided for
It.