

The following Letter was wrote to Capt<sup>t</sup> Winne & Robert  
Livingston Junr

Gentlemen

we would hereby desire Capt<sup>t</sup> Winne to fall upon the  
Treasurer for our Last years Allowance as Comm<sup>r</sup> of  
Indian Affairs and when he has rec<sup>d</sup> that money we desire  
he would buy one hundred w<sup>t</sup> good powder and to pay  
It out of that money and because Capt<sup>t</sup> Winne may  
be possibly have Left New York before this Letter  
Comes to hand we direct it also to Mr. Livingston  
whom we desire in that case to do for us what we  
desire of Capt<sup>t</sup> Winne and we Inclose herein of  
order on the Treasurer to pay the money.  
an order was drawn on the Treasurer accordingly

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May it Please your Excellency

We received your Excellencies favours p<sup>r</sup> Coll: Schuyler  
wherein we have rec<sup>d</sup> the agreeable news that your  
Excellency had ordered 30 men to Oswego, we  
have advice from Capt<sup>t</sup> Battler that he was safe  
Arrived at Oswego, and that by accounts he had  
from Indians there he is Like to be attacked  
By the french this fall, we had an Express here  
Last week from the Oneidas that one of their nation  
had seen a Large party of french on the Lake abt  
16 miles from Oswego which they said was going  
to take that place, but by the Circumstances of the  
Story we Believe it to be Groundless, we hear a  
Report that the french are building a wooden  
fort

All the Crown point on the East side of the river  
opposite to the Stone fort already there, which is  
Almost finished and that they have a great number  
of men there at work, we must again acc<sup>t</sup> your Excellency  
of the absolute necessity of a wooden fort upon the  
Carrying place Lead<sup>g</sup> to Canada and do Intreat your  
Excellency To recommend it once more to the Generall  
Assembly to Raise money to build the same and to  
maintain a sufficient garrison therein if this be not  
done it is not possible to keep outscouts as near our  
Enemy as we ought by reason they have no place of  
Retreat to shelter themselves in case of need and we  
Expect our farmers will Break up if this be not done  
for as the case now stands they are entirely at the mercy  
of Subtle & Enterprising Enemy which a fort in the place  
we mention would in a great measure prevent

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Present  
Nyncker Schuyler  
Matthias Blecker  
Jan de peyster  
Nicolas Blecker  
Jan Lansing  
Hendrick ten Eyck

at a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Commissioners the  
27<sup>th</sup> September 1744

Two Indians having been upon the Scout  
ordered that Nicolas Blecker & Hendrick ten Eyck  
Pay Each one of them