

Albany y^e 4th february 1722

May it please your Excell^{ty}

We had y^e honour of your Excell^{ty} favours of y^e 21 Jan^y with Capt. Banker Letter acts of Assembly & news papers for which we Return your Excell^{ty} Directions about y^e Redelivery of y^e rum which y^e Indians Complaind has been Imberried at Schinechtady we wish Such vile practices could be prevented it has done much mischief already according to your Excell^{ty} Commands Laid as for our advice about applying y^e 300^l providing by act of Assembly we Shall do in y^e best as we are able

The most Convenient place & Situation for y^e building we are Informed is at y^e South Side of y^e Cadonach-
-qui lake on the west Side of y^e onondage River were it empties it fell into Said Lake or Such proper place there Adjacent as Capt. Banker Shall think fitt to pitch y^e fort to be made of Stock adors 12 foot above Ground & if it be a Rock-
-ie place to be laid on the ground $\frac{1}{4}$ of Loggs to be 60 foot square with two blockhouses of 20 & y^e upper 14 foot square of good $\frac{1}{2}$ timber within a Chimney in act y^e roof covered with Singles which one of our board has offered to Compleat for £150^{:-} and if this affair to be done in a publick manner we Shall En-
-deavour to gett it done for less 150^l. y^e Canoes or batoes w^{ch} are Required for y^e Transporting the men & we compute will Cost ab^t £12^{:-} the remainder of y^e Sums allowed may be Appldyd for provisions & Necessaries for the men but for what time we Cant Calculate being a thing we are Unacquainted with as for our part we Shall keep this affair private but its no Seceret in town we presume it to be necessary y^t Capt. Banker be directed about y^e time y^t y^e men are to go from hence y^t Such a building is to be Erected for keeping the ~~the~~ traders goods dry for w^{ch}