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Albany y^e 4th february 172 y^eMay 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 & 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 Impties it Sell into Said Lake or such proper place there Adjacent as Capt. Banker shall think fitt to pitch y^e fort to be made of Stockadoes 12 foot above Ground & if it be a Rock- is place to be laid on the ground & of Loggs to be 60 foot square with two blockhouses of 20 & y^e upper 14 foot square of good timber within a Chimney in act y^e roof covered with Singles which one of our board has offered to Compleat for £150^l and if this affair to be done in a publick manner we shall Endeavour 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^l the remainder of y^e Sums allowed may be Applyd 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 Secret in town we presume it to be necessary y^e Cap^t. Banker be directed about y^e time y^e y^e men are to go from hence y^e such a building is to be Erected for keeping the ~~the~~ traders goods dry for w^{ch}