

*My Brother,*

It is very true, that we have been always obedient and obliging to you, and seeing you told us that you would have us rest in the Cabin, our young Men being ready to go a Hunting, being detain'd by your Orders, have nothing to sublist on; they have begg'd our Chiefs to represent their Condition to you, they want every Thing; not having been a Hunting, and to pray you to give them some Powder and Shot, to kill some Game for their Subsistence, as it will be some Time before the Arrival of the other *Five-Nations*, and all of us receive the Presents sent us by the King our Father; whilst we wait, we pray you to give us what is purely necessary for us.

*My Brother,*

As we foresee the hard Seasons are approaching, we renew the Prayers to you we often made to the Government, to build a Place for the Safety of our Wives and Children; we hope you will actually execute it.

*Colonel JOHNSON's Answer.*

BRETHREN,

I AM perfectly well convinced of your good Dispositions for me, and of your Complaisance at all Times, to listen to my Words, and to do what I demand of you: It is that which has engaged me to take your Affairs in my Consideration. The fresh Proofs you give me of your Friendship, and Regard towards me, will enable me to serve your Interests effectually, and to my own Satisfaction. I am sensible I have done you great Hurt, as also to your young Men, for detaining them at this Time, upon their Mats; wherefore I readily grant you what you require of me, and will give you Powder and Bullets.

Before I left New-York, I represented before your Brother the Governor, the Necessity of Building a safe Retreat for your Families; and I have the Pleasure to acquaint you, that he hath given me a full Power to do it, and the Workmen shall go about it as soon as possible. Signed,

May 17th, 1755.

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