

To this place, That several Canoes of those
Ind^s having been on their Journey hither
and two Canoes with Ind^s who never had been
here before came in Company with them
who were stoppt by five Canoes with young Men
that met them just above the Calabmes
Land at the Falls, who with bribes Presents
and Perswasions prevailed to trade with
them contrary their Intentions & the Sachims
of our Nations who are very much displeas'd
that the far Ind^s are stoppt & do not come to
this place

Albany 6 July 1724-81.

Sir

We come to acknowledge Receipt of your honours
favours of the 1st and 27th past, which we should answered
ere now, had we not been prevented partly by our not
knowing when your Com^{rs} dispatched Expresses to you
and the uncertain Circumstances of this critical
Affair, that has been transacted wth the Six Nations
who prove very wavering in their Resolution and
Intention, We hope the Gentlemen whom you entrusted
with the Affair of your Province will do us the
Justice to Inform you that we have acted in what
your Honour has been pleased to recommend to
our Care, and the Order of his Excel^{ty} Gov^r Burnet
in Council with much freedom and readiness to put
an End to the Dangerous War the Eastern Ind^s have
Commenced against his Majesties Subjects under your
Government. The Sachims of Cahnawage & others
having Confirmed their Engagement made to us, to
your Com^{rs} in urging the Hatchet of War, on which
the Sachims of the Six Nations insisted (tho' very absurd)
that on the Delivery of the Hostages the Peace
was actually Concluded wth the Eastern Indians
of which wth many Arguments we convinced them
of that unreasonable Demand & Insinuation, and
in a Conference wth your Gentlemen consulted what
was most proper to be Done at this Juncture
at which we offer'd to make a proposal to the
Six Nations that they should Offer to send Messen-
gers to the Eastern Ind^s with positive Orders that
they forthwith come to terms of Peace & Submission
with