

allowed by his Excel^{ty} & Council for a Smith and his Man for six Months but in Consideration that they are both Smiths this Board allowed them that Money and five pound for tools to be left there

All a meeting of the Com^{rs} of the Ind^{ns} Affairs in Albany the 5th of June 1725

Resolved to write the following Letter to his Excellency Gov^l

May it please your Excel^{ty}

We have been honour'd wth your Excel^{ty}'s favours of the 12th May in Obedience therunto we sent Lawrence Claese the Interpreter to the Onondages to acq^t the Six Nations that your Excel^{ty} can't possibly meet them here this Summer but that your Excel^{ty} will certainly meet them early next year at this place as may appear by the Inclosed minutes. Two Smiths are also sent to Onondage to work for that Nation & allowed them £5. & £5. for tools to be left there

M^r David van Dyck has excus'd himself of being a Com^r any longer, & has taken his leave from this Board, have nothing to add at present but that we are wth great Respect

May it please your Excel^{ty}

Your Excel^{ty}'s most humble & most Obedient Servants

Henry Holland
Johⁿ Cuyler
Evert Bancker
St^r Livingston

Present
Henry Holland
Johⁿ Cuyler
Eber^t Brugh
Evert Bancker
St^r Livingston
Hend^r Kinselaer

Esq^r Cant^l

Lawrence Claese the Interpreter being returned from Onondage where he arriv'd the 27th of May & found there Sachins of the Onneides, Tuscaroras Cayugas & Senecas who with those of Onondage had treated wth Mon^s Longuill Lieut. Gov^r of Canada and acquainted the S^d Sachins wth Seven hands or Strings of Wampum for each Nation that he was sent by Order of his Excel^{ty} Gov^l Burnet Esq^r & so from the Com^{rs} to acquaint them that his Excel^{ty} can't possibly meet them this year but will the next and what he was further order'd to tell them as per the Instructions Deliver'd him.

The Ind^{ns} seem'd well pleas'd wth the Message he deliver'd and said they were very glad that his Excel^{ty} their Brother Corlaer stood by his word, only to erect a trading house and not a fort as they were inform'd he intended to do and that they had nothing against his building a house for promoting Trade

The Sachins of Onondage Onoyde & Tuscaroras do return his Excel^{ty} thanks for sending them Smiths according to their request last year they have been in great Want of them ever since that time, and will make them very welcome

The Sachins acquainted the S^d Interpreter that Mon^s Longuill had been there and departed from Onondage 25th of May, and had made to them a proposition to the following Effect

Children

When I was last at this place I thought never to come here again, but am comanded by the Gov^r's my Master to visit you at this time and take this Opportunity to tell you that he had heard you had lost many of your Relations since I was last with you and do Condole all the Dead of the Six Nations as well those you lost in War as those that dy'd at home. Give a Large Black Belt of black Wampum.