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& Dissipation for three Weeks to prevent their going on to the Treaty. That Dr. B. & Colo. M. had between twenty and thirty Riflemen in Arms for twenty-four Hours, and gave out severe Threats against P. Rikeman and Colo. Reed for being Enemies to their Party and Friends to the Government, in perswading the Indians to attend the Treaty at Fort Schuyler, and they were ordered off the Ground or to abide the Consequences. That he communicated to a Number of the Seneca and Cayuga Nations the Treaties made with the Onondagos and Oneidas at Fort Schuyler which the Governess of Genesee confirmed. That on the 13th he set off for Genesee were he arrived the next day and visited the Big-tree at his Village and fixed the Stake for the southern Line of Mr. Phelps's purchase at the Forks of the Genesee, set up by the Surveyors (being previously requested thereto by the Indians). That on the 18th found that Threats had been given out against the Onondago Chiefs Black Cap and Kagaghtotten, by the Onondagos residing at the Buffaloe Creek, on a supposition of their having no part of the Consideration for the Sale of the Onondagos Lands at the late Treaty, and blamed the Governor in that Negociation. That in a formal Address he vindicated the Conduct of the Governor and Commissioners, explained to them fully the Principles of the Treaty and that their Jealousies had arisen from Misrepresentation. This Speech, for which they thanked him, produced the desired Effect, the Indians being perfectly convinced and satisfied. That he found it necessary to proceed further Westward, and on the 22nd arrived at Niagara, where he found the Infant with his Company, and waited on Colo. Butler from whom he received every necessary Information respecting the Dispositions of the Indians. That Colo. Butler advised that if the intended Treaty at Albany should not succeed it would be best to have one at Canadasaga or Buffaloe Creek, and that two or three Commissioners might answer the purpose. That on the 25th he left Niagara and travelled on foot to meet a Chief called Shendyoughgwatte, the second Man of Influence among the Senecas of Buffaloe, and had a Conversation with him to good Purposes

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