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One of y<sup>m</sup> said Jam but a young man of the Nation call'd patamis & am come hither directly from hunting in company with this old man ajastonic. Else would have brought some presents from my nation but can only leave this pipe as a token y<sup>t</sup> our Nation will come to trade here,

I have had but an Indifferent hunting of bevers w<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> french would have traded from me and came down but they would give me but trifles for it and having heard y<sup>t</sup> goods were so cheap here induced to come to make a tryall of it the old Indian ajastonic,

I am come now but with a few Skins to see how you do here, & if I meet with good treatm<sup>t</sup> & get a good penny worth I come again with large Quantity of Skins.

I have Mett with Great Difficulty from the french who would prevent me going to see you Alledging y<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>t</sup> Schuyler dead & y<sup>t</sup> I would not hearken to any thing they told me, being assur'd other men would be appointed by our selves y<sup>f</sup> Gov<sup>t</sup> to Represent him therefore I persisted in my Design to go & see my fathers, & would give no credit to any thing y<sup>e</sup> french told me Depending on what has been formerly promised me y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> houses would be open here for the far Nations who are civilly & kindly treated.

It was represented unto me y<sup>t</sup> some Ill Shoult befall me from you but I depended on your promises & Engagem<sup>t</sup> y<sup>t</sup> we should be Always wellcome. I was almost in great darkness & covered over y<sup>t</sup> I could scarcely see y<sup>e</sup> sun, but I have Uncovered y<sup>e</sup> roof by my constant resolution in coming hither & now find y<sup>e</sup> for a clear sun Shine & Every thing well give a few Skins

Answer of y<sup>e</sup>

Answer of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>d</sup> made on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1727  
We are Rejoyd to see you here & bid you hearty Welcome at this place y<sup>t</sup> we have y<sup>e</sup> opportunity to Smoake together out of y<sup>e</sup> pipe of peace its a pleasure for us to hear from you y<sup>t</sup> you have not regarded what y<sup>e</sup> french did falsely Insinuate ag<sup>t</sup> us to prevent your coming hither. You will ever find true & Certain what we promise you y<sup>t</sup> this place is a heat peace where y<sup>e</sup> tree of fridship is planted whose reach now over all your habitation under whose Schitter you may be Certain to be secure from all Evil the Evil y<sup>e</sup> Sun w<sup>h</sup> shines on y<sup>e</sup> tree will we hope spread Over all y<sup>e</sup> remote Indians, & y<sup>e</sup> Good report you will bring your Nations treatm<sup>t</sup> here we Expect will Induce a greater Number to come hither or to y<sup>e</sup> trading place at Ochewege where you please, w<sup>h</sup> house is build there as a token y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> path hither shall be at all times open & clear for you to come without any Apprehension of fear, wherefore be Content & never Regard what y<sup>e</sup> french may tell you y<sup>t</sup> we shall Use you Ill w<sup>h</sup> they do with no other View but y<sup>t</sup> they may Exact & Impose on you as they have done for these Many Years past to make you their goods at an Extravagent high price, w<sup>h</sup> we hope you may perceive now to open your Eyes, we Cant omit to advice you not to hearken to y<sup>e</sup> french if they should propose unto you or any other Indians near you to Engage in a war together for they will Contrive to prevent your coming to trade here his Excell<sup>ty</sup> Injoints y<sup>e</sup> five Nations to lett you freely pass without any Interruption & therefore we recommend you