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of Members, which, by his Majesty's Commission, can form a Council, viz. Three; the above two Gentlemen and Capt. Rutherford, who was then at his Post in Albany.

As foon as his Excellency received his Majefty's Commands, he dispatched from Albany such Perfons as, by the best Information he could receive, had Influence among the Six Nations, to invite them feverally to meet him at Albany, on the 20th of July. His Excellency arriv'd at Albany the 21st of July, where having heard, that, befides the Small-Pox, (which his Excellency never had) many were fick of a contagious malignant Fever, he continued on board the Sloop which carried him up, to confider where to lodge with the leaft Danger to his Perfon from the Infection of thefe Diftempers; and the next Morning refolved to go into the Fort. He was received at his Landing with the ufual Marks of Refpect from the Corporation, the independent Companies of regular Troops then in the Place, and the Militia, under a Discharge of the Cannon of the Fort and Town.

In the Afternoon of the fame Day on which his Excellency came on Shore, three Indians, viz. two Onandagos and an Oneydo, brought two French Scalps and prefented to his Excellency : At which Time the Leader of the Party made a formal Speech, to the following Purpole: ' That having · had repeated Accounts of the Mifchiefs done by ' the French, and of the frequent Murders com-' mitted by them, and that the Mohawks, not-" withstanding their Professions of Friendship, suf-<sup>6</sup> fered this Bloodshed to remain unrevenged, his ' Heart could bear it no longer; he thereupon ' refolved to open for his Brethren the Path to "Revenge: That their two Scalps which he now, presented were taken at Noon-day, in Sight of the French Fost at Crown Point.' His Excellency told